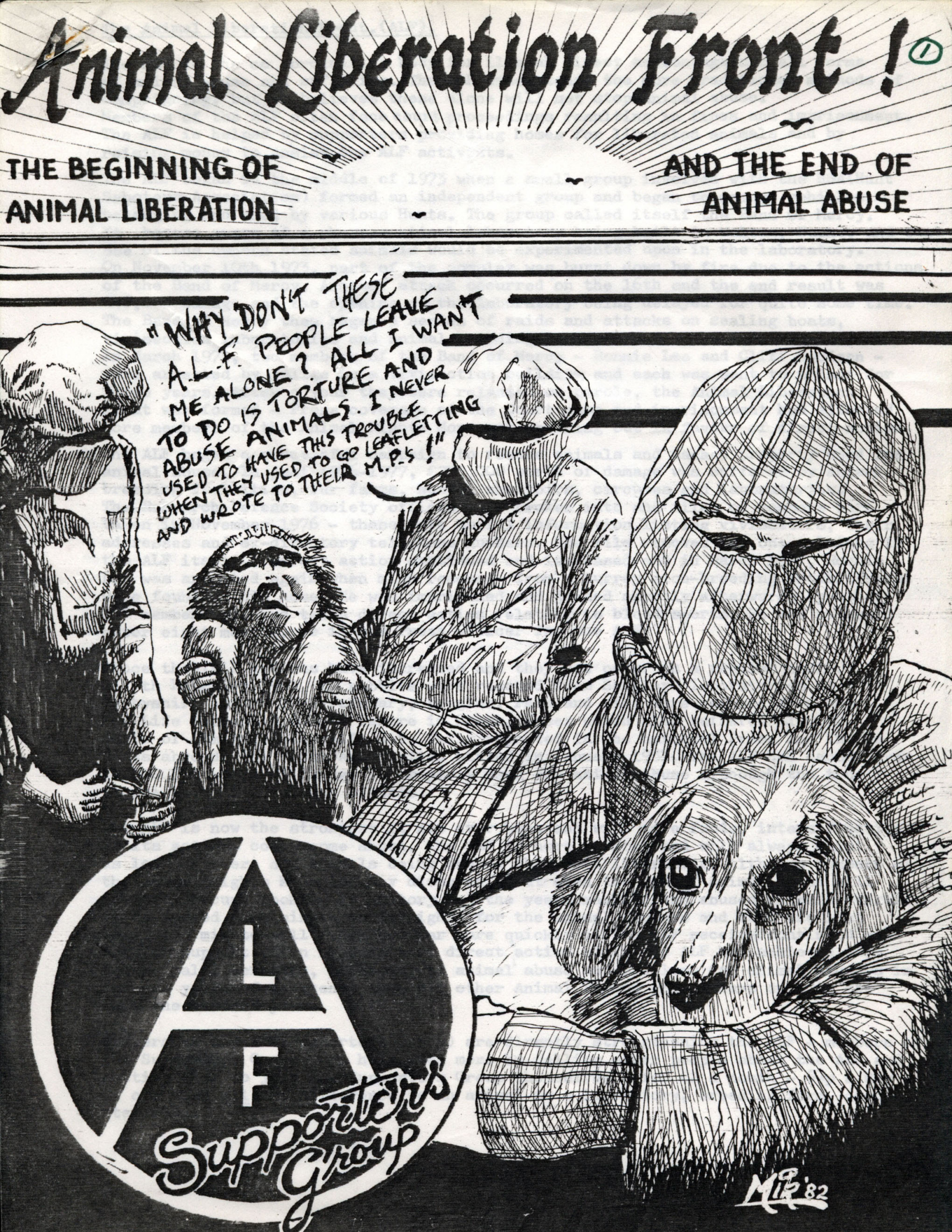
Animal Liberation Front ! (1)

THE BEGINNING OF ANIMAL LIBERATION

AND THE END OF ANIMAL ABUSE



The Animal Liberation Front.(ALF).

The ALF is the co-ordinating body for illegal direct action against all forms of animal abuse and suffering. The ALF understands the more traditional methods of campaigning, but it believes these alone will not stop animal abuse.
Members of the ALF often face court proceedings resulting in fines and imprisonment. The ALF is helped by supporters providing homes for liberated animals and by raising money to assist the ALF activists.

The ALF began in the middle of 1973 when a small group involved with the HSA(Hunt Saboteurs Association) formed an independent group and began to damage vehicles belonging and used by various Hunts. The group called itself the Band Of Mercy. It became aware of a pharmaceutical laboratory being built in Walton, Bucks. and that one of the owners stated animals would be experimented upon in the laboratory. On November 10th 1973, part of the complex was burnt down by fire due to the actions of the Band of Mercy. Another attack occurred on the 16th and the end result was £46,000 damage and the opening of the laboratory being delayed for quite some time. The Band of Mercy then began a series of raids and attacks on sealing boats, vivisection laboratories and animal breeding farms.
In March 1975, two members of the Band of Mercy - Ronnie Lee and Cliff Goodman - were arrested by police in a vivisection building and each was sent to prison for three years. After a year they were released on parole, the Animal Liberation Front was formed - Press coverage of the Court case and imprisonment had effected more members of the Animal Rights Movement speaking out in favour of direct action.

The ALF began a successful campaign to rescue animals and damage property used for animal abuse. In just 1976-1977, £275,000 worth of damage was suffered by animal breeding facilities, fur farms, hunts, abattoirs, circuses and laboratories. The Research Defence Society offices were broken into and files on members were taken in November 1976 - these gave useful information listing vivisectors, their addresses and ex-directory telephone numbers. One file removed was one relating to the ALF itself. Direct action continued and increased and in March 1977, Ronnie Lee was arrested again when mice rescued from a Surrey mice-breeding establishment were found at his home. He was imprisoned and joined shortly afterwards by other ALF members who had taken direct action relating to blood sports. He was released after eight months. He is now Press Officer for the ALF.

Since then, ALF actions have increased and they now occur on a regular basis. On 7th February 1982, 10 rabbits were rescued from Safeharm laboratories in Derbyshire and on 14th February, beagles, rats and mice were rescued from the New Life Science Research Centre in Stock, Essex which also suffered £100,000 worth of damage. Both raids were fully reported in the national Press and in the Press abroad. The Press Association stated in January 1981, the ALF had caused over £1,000,000 worth of damage to property used for animal abuse although the true figure in well in excess of this.

The ALF is now the strongest it has ever been and with more funds, intensification of its actions could come about. The ALF is here to stay and will always exist as long as there are animals being abused that need liberating. Although members of the Animal Rights Movement may disagree about when the end of animal abuse will actually occur, looking at history and the years mankind has abused animals overall, it is indeed 'one minute to midnight' for the animal abusers and that one last remaining minute will 'tick by' far more quickly if the ALF receives continued and regular support. Even opponents of direct action admit the ALF has achieved more for animal liberation, publicity of animal abuse and problems for animal abusers in its six years of existence than all other Animal Rights groups have done in the last one hundred years.

Members of the ALF(Supporters Group) are directly strengthening the ALF - members of the Supporters Groups can help even more by telling other people about the ALF and getting them to join the Supporters Group themselves - for £2 a month - 6½p a day - it can make <u>all</u> the difference to an animal in a laboratory, breeding farm, circus, etc; etc;.

The A.L.F. - who are they ?

Recently, features regarding the A.L.F. have appeared in various different newspapers e.g. 'The Sun' and 'The Sunday Times'.
The Sunday Times described the ALF as 'the militant animal welfare group' saying "The Front is the only animal-rights group committed to a policy of law breaking.It aims to halt all exploitation of animals....Front members come from all social classes and age groups - all are prepared to go to jail."
The Sun reported an interview with four active members of the ALF. Each one expressed little concern about the possibility of being imprisoned if caught and their only concern being the liberation of as many animals as possible from animal abuse establishments.The ALF was called "the secret army which has declared war on vivisection"
ALF members work in tightly-knit cells - usually small but on occasion the cell can be up to twelve members. Apart from this, members rarely know members of another cell. When cells link up because of the numbers needed this can sometimes simply mean one group raiding an establishment, driving the liberated animals to a prearranged place when the animals will be given to another group with their own vehicle and each group giving the other no more than a passing glance. This behaviour simply protects each member if later questioned by the authorities.
All members of the ALF are vegetarian or vegan. An ALF spokesman stated "Nobody would get very far in the ALF unless they were vegetarian or vegan. ALF members act as the nation's conscience - our basic aims are to rescue animals and cause as much financial and other embarrassment to people involved in animal exploitation until such time as the Law takes over"
Members of the ALF are members of traditional animal rights groups such as the BUAV, Animal Aid, etc; but are simply more dedicated in the fight against animal abuse. As the 'Sunday Times' article (5/9/82) stated, members come from all social classes and two members working aside each other can be of different creed, colour, politics, age group and social background - all of which fades into insignificance when on an ALF action to rescue animals and/or destroy animal abuse equipment and property. Dedication to prevent animal abuse becomes stronger after each action as on each occasion, an ALF member sees the most vile scene of an animal or animals being abused, tortured or murdered. Instead of instances where a person becomes despondent, ALF activists become <u>more</u> dedicated as time goes on. One ALF activist stated:-
"It isn't funny getting up at 1 in the morning, leaving my family with the thought I might not be coming back unless it's in a police car, walking miles over muddy fields in minus temperatures, waiting around for hours, breaking into somewhere like a laboratory to be faced with the most horrendous sights possible, to carry out as many animals as possible - again miles through muddy fields and then to go home at 5 in the morning and to be up again at 7 ready for work - but what else can I do ? - some people talk about the 'possibility' of ending animal abuse 'sometime' in the future - but that's of little comfort to the animals being exploited <u>now</u> - I'm just saying that I'm not prepared to wait for a day that may never come" I want to do something <u>now</u> and that's exactly what I <u>am</u> doing "

The one thing totally consistent with ALF activists is the reply to the question :-
"But what if you get caught and go to prison ?" - it will be met with a shrug of the shoulder with the reply "So what ? A year or so in prison out of my whole life is nothing compared with the agony and torment that an innocent animal in a laboratory of farm has to tolerate - there's no comparison is there ?".....

The Need For Direct Action.

> "Our actions have brought the horrors of animal mutilation home to people. They may not like our methods but they agree with our aims. We believe that until the law is changed or repealed, it is legitimate to step outside legality. It should be understood by all, that we intend to continue and increase our actions as long as it is necessary - We WILL achieve our goal. " (ALF Spokesman).

Even opponents of direct illegal action admit it has done more good for the animals than any other form of action. The traditionalists who oppose it will nevertheless admit it is understandable and inevitable as frustration grows. Lord Houghton has stated "As long as nothing happens and there is no sign of progress, I think resentment will continue".
One lady who has actively campaigned against vivisection since the 1930's wrote to the ALF stating " It is my sincerest regret that what the ALF are doing now was not taking place 50 years ago. If it had been, I doubt whether vivisection would exist now in any form at all.... During the last 50 years, I have frequently doubted whether my anti-vivisection work would ever effect what I desired,but it is now I can see the end of this vile abuse of animals in sight due to what the ALF have done . It is only now that anti-vivisection is a force to be reckoned with - the days are of the vivisectors are surely numbered"
Direct action will undoubtably force Government to legislate against animal abuse but at the same time it also involves (i)the rescue of animals from animal abuse establishments (ii)the destruction of animal abuse equipment (iii)extra costs to animal abusers - the money spent for repairing damage and higher insurance premiums would have used for purchasing new animals to abuse, torture, mutilate and murder (iv)publicity . After direct action, (v) Animal Rights groups in the area where direct action occurs, usually continue this with long-term action afterwards.
In view of this, how can anyone genuinely concerned for animal rights and welfare condemn direct action ?

If animal abusers are made 'aware' of the feelings of other people and their lives are made as intolerable as the animals which they abuse, if establishments abusing animals lose the profit they abuse animals to obtain, if Government spends more money on protecting these and this exceeds the revenue obtained from them, if militant action receives more support from the public (which it is now doing) animal abuse will cease.

Some would say that whatever happens, it will be Government legislation that finally crushes animal abuse. However there is the factor that animal abuse will become such a risk and costly exercise, it will no longer be logical to participate in animal abuse. Therefore direct action incorporates this 'safety valve' in the event Government continues to delay legislating.

Recent direct action which would have received national publicity in the Press is now no longer doing so - the proof that action against animal abuse is becoming so frequent. It should be mentioned that the £2 monthly subscription is to help activists in defence if caught as they usually pay for the heavy costs in carrying out an action (transport costs, equipment, etc;) out of their own pockets as well as actually carrying out the action itself.

It is the wish of the ALF that more money is directed towards direct action - of the total contributed by supporters for animal rights, only a tiny fraction goes to direct action - the remainder is squandered on offices, costly literature, wages, taxes, 'expenses', etc; which rarely help the animals.

Diary of A.L.F. actions in 1982.

(i)January 18th. Portrait of notorious 17th century vivisector Descartes hanging in the premises of Royal Society, 6 Carlton Terrace, London slashed and badly damaged by ALF activist. Descartes stated animals could not feel pain and their cries were simply like the creaking of machinery.

(ii)19th February. Damage done to battery farm at Halfway, Sheerness, Kent. Walls daubed ("Hen Hell Hole") and cages damaged.

(iii)February 20th. Property being built to house the manager for the A.E.Beckett & Sons factory farm at Wythall, Birmingham damaged. This is the second action following previous ALF action in May 1981 when £700 worth of damage was done.

(iv)February 7th. Rabbits rescued from and £5000 worth of damage done to the Safe-Pharm animal torture labs. at Shardlow, Derby. One rabbit later died from results of experimentation and another was found to be blind for same reason. The Lab. caretaker was slightly injured when trying to attack ALF activists afterwhich he attacked the Press there.

(v)February 14th. The Operation Valentine action on the Life Science Research Centre in Stock, Essex received international publicity (including Canada and Australia where A.L.F. groups now exist). Beagles, rats and mice rescued and £76,000 worth of damage done - the true figure is nearer £250,000 as this animal torture establishment lost massive orders through damage done by the ALF. Evidence of the great financial difficulties are illustrated by the Essex Chronicle(9/7/82) detailing the dismissal of 40 pro-vivisection staff due to the loss of work orders. Animals were in very bad condition but now in good homes.

(vi)February 24th. Damage done to Shippams chicken 'processing' plant, Station Road, Crediton, Devon. Vehicles also damaged and immobilised. Shippams rear chickens in very intensive conditions and then transport them in cramped conditions to the Crediton factory. Chickens in their thousands died one night not long ago when left in crates all night in freezing temperatures.

(vii)Late February to mid March.Numerous actions by ALF against North Kent Tickham Foxhunt including damage to signs and property and vehicles belonging to the Hunt and Hunt members.

(viii)February 28th. Two young puppies snatched by ALF from animal dealers in notorious animal Market at Club Row, London.

(ix) Guinea-pigs rescued from Redfern Animal Breeders, Ely Grange, Frant, Sussex (Henfield 3933 or Frant 584) by ALF. This establishment is subsidiary of Shamrock Farms, one of the largest suppliers of animals to vivisection labs. March 22nd.

(x)March 2?th. Xenon a West End night club using a caged panther near the dance floor (subjected to flashing lights and loud music) damaged by ALF.

(xi)March 20th. Several East London Butchers shops had doors glued up necessitating the breaking down of doors by shop staff to enter. All shops concerned have been attacked before by ALF.

(xii)March 28th. Two lorries belonging to ritual slaughter firm of Lewis & Co. were badly damaged. This firm is one of the largest ritual slaughterers in London and purchasers of factory-farmed animals.

(xiii)April 9th. Seven dogs and a cat rescued by ALF from Leeds University Farm. These animals were under no circumstances 'laboratory-bred animals' but were quite clearly, peoples' pets. This proving that vivisectors are not only sadistic torturers and murderers but common thieves as well.

(xiv)April 8th. ALF attack and do damage to a Faversham, Kent Furshop (White's Furs, Court Street). (Windows broken, locks damaged and made useless).

(xv)April 15th. Several dozen mice rescued from and damage to vehicles done to the Triangle Mousery, 81 Windsor Ave, Newton Abbot, Devon. This establishment breeds mice for vivisection.

Diary of A.L.F. actions in 1982(Continued).

(xvi) April 18th. Vehicle belonging to notorious Club Row(London) animal dealer, Lil Taylor damaged by A.L.F.

(xvii)April 25th. 2000 demonstrators led by A.L.F. activists and other direct action groups storm the outer perimeter area of Porton Down chemical defence establishment in Wiltshire. Fences torn down etc; Event received national coverage in Press etc; Establishment uses so many animals it has own breeding farm - in 1981 at least 17,000 animals vivisected etc;.

(xvii)April 25th. Damage done to various parts of Chessington Zoo animal prison complex. Admiited 'considerable expense' in repairs(resulting in less money to pay for stealing and transporting and imprisoning of animals in this obscene place.)

(xviii) May 9th. ALF damage three fur shops in Westcliff and Pitsea, Essex.

(xix)ALF do "hundreds of pounds worth of damage"(Press quote) to property of Sheffield vivisector "Professor" R.Barer in Sheffield. 9th May.

(xx)May 22nd, 30th / June 15th, 20th, 21st / July 10th, 13th. Substantial damage done by ALF to West Country factory farms. Numerous animals rescued and found to be in very poor condition. Now in good homes and recovering.

(xxi)May 29th. Damage done by ALF activist to vehicles and property belonging to Express Dairies, Cricklewood, London. This action was against factory farming and exploitation of cows and calves in dairy industry.

(xxii)May 29th-30th. Damage done to property and vehicles belonging to Analytical Supplies, Little Eaton, Derbys. This firm supplies vivisection equipment.

(xxiii)1st June. Damage to vehicles owned by Goldenlay Eggs, Stone Style, Headcorn, Kent. This firm is responsible for large-scale intensive factory-farming in eggs.

(xxiv)31st May. A.L.F. activists do damage to butchers shops in Stratford(East London).

(xxv) 2nd June. A.L.F. activists damage property belonging to May & Baker in Dagenham - this firm is a drug company and admit vivisecting and experimenting on animals.

(xxvi)15th June. A.L.F. rescue eight guinea-pigs from Bournemouth-London train These animals were travelling from'animal for vivisection'breeder M.R.Grayston of Little Lyons, Ashley Heath, Ringwood, Hants to University College, London for torture, multilation and painful death.

(xxvii)19th June. ALF accomplish a truly amazing raid on the Boots laboratory at Thurgaton, Nottingham when 12 beagles (8 males, 4 bitches) were rescued. All dogs were in disgusting conditions when rescued and all males had been badly mutilated - all 12 dogs in poor health.Many had heart disease and internal organs had prematurely aged. All are now in good homes with health improving. The ALF activists who accomplished this raid had to carry the rescued 12 beagles across muddy open fields for three miles.

(xxviii) A.L.F. damage a shop belonging to a purchaser of intensively-farmed 'goods'.(Baker's Farm Shop, High Street, Sittingbourne, Kent). 22nd June.

(xxix)23rd June. ALF activists go across open corn fields to damage S.J.D. Humphrey Ltd factory farm (Twyford, Hampshire). 15 Hens rescued also.

(xxx)3rd July. Homes of three vivisectors employed by Wellcome vivisection laboratories badly damaged by ALF activists in Beckenham, Orpington, and Tonbridge, Kent.

(xxxi)15th July. A.L.F. badly damage R.G.Lawrie's, 110 Buchanan Street, Glasgow which is a shop selling seal skins.

(xxxii)22nd July. A.L.F. activists rescue six cats from the Winches Farm Field station, Hatfield Road, St.Albans, Herts which infects (and murders) animals with parasites and diseases.

Diary of A.L.F. actions in 1982(Continued - 2).

(xxxiii) July 31st. Twelve rats rescued by ALF from Leceister University Psychology dept. All showed signs of being tortured (electric burn marks on feet) Estimated £3000 worth of damage done to torture equipment i.e. equipment for damaging animal's brains by electric shocks. Later that day department stormed by 70 activists when two mice were rescued. These had been concealed by bedding when earlier raid took place.

(xxxiv)1st August. Sheffield University laboratories have over £200 worth of damage done to them by A.L.F. activists.

(xxxv)1st August. Considerable damage done by A.L.F. to Rospar plant in Bexhill Sussex. This firm cuts up poultry for 'catering'. Police estimate of damage "at least £1200".

(xxxvi)8th August. A.L.F. rescue four hens from Misterton factory farm establishment at Crewkerne, Somerset. Hens diseased and ill but now well and in good homes.

(xxxvii)8th August. A.L.F. rescue 5 hens from and do damage to the Pondhead factory farm in Holt, Dorset. As previously hens were very ill but now well and in good homes.

(xxxviii)23rd August. A.L.F. rescue ten guinea-pigs from and do damage to the Public Health Laboratory Service building, Myrtle Road, Bristol.

(xxix) 22nd August. A.L.F. activists release hundreds of mink from each of the following mink farms :- New World Mink Farm, Canewdon, Southend, Essex and Dauchunzie Mink Farm, Nr Comrie, Perthshire. These animals are kept in tiny cramped conditions and cages and then murdered by poisoning, poison-inhalation or neck-breaking, beforewhich they are given drugs to change their skin colour (to suit buyers).

(xxx)30th August, ALF activists with members of other direct action groups successfully do at least £2000 worth of damage to the Huntingdon Research Centre 's fencing and alarm system. This establishment alone murdered over 1300 monkeys in 1978 - it specialises in commercial testing - shamppo on animals' skins, force-feeding toothpaste and soap into dogs and cats, (etc;).

(xxxi)30th August. Five fur shops in Bournemouth and Poole in Dorset considerably damaged by A.L.F. For some, this was not the first time.

(xxxii)7th September. Three fur shops in Derby daubed with paint in a night ALF attack.

(xxxiii)18th September. Fur shop(Dominion Fur Co. Morningside, Edinburgh) had doors damaged by A.L.F. Also:-
Ellerman Travel, Frederick Street had windows sprayed by A.L.F. as this firm was selling tickets for Chipperfield's Circus - well known for abusing, torturing and humiliating animals.

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***** EXCLUSIVE OFFER ONLY TO ALF(SG) MEMBERS *****

(i)The Operation Valentine photo collection.

Can you honestly resist this ? A set of three large photos (approx 9" x 7") taken whilst Operation Valentine was being carried out at the Animal Death /Torture establishment "Life Science Research Centre" at Stock, nr Chelmsford, Essex on March 14th 1982. These are actual photos and NOT 'photocopies'.

(i)A photo of the immense damage done inside the centre.
(ii)A photo of ALF activists storming the centre.
(iii)A photo of an ALF activist with a beagle rescued

(With regard to (iii), the collection is worth having just for this photo - the picture of the rescued dog is priceless).

Please send cheque /postal order to the A.L.F.(S.G.) to the value of £7.00. The photos will be sent in the next ALF(SG) newsletter.
If you require them earlier than this, please send £7.40 and they will be sent within 21 days of receipt.
Please ensure your name and full address is stated !

If only one photo is required - £2.25 (£2.50 if required within 21 days)
If only two photos are required - £4.50 (£4.75 if required within 21 days).

More 'photo collections' will be available in subsequent newsletters.

(ii)"Adopt an animal abuser"

When an ALF action takes place against an animal abuser - it is usually 100% successful - but after the action has been completed, the animal abuser breathes a sigh of relief presuming the ALF has plenty of people on their list and a repeat action is unlikely - at least for some time anyway. So after a very short time, the action loses its potency - ALF(SG) members can soon rectify this without putting themselves at any risk. The animal abuser for this newsletter is:-

NAME: "Dr" Anthony Dayan.
ADDRESS:- 11 Foxgrove Avenue, Beckenham, KENT.
Classification :- Vivisector.

Misc info:- Wife-Hedi. Employed-Wellcome laboratories, Beckenham as head of pathology. Car - black estate JLB 98V. Property:- 7 bedroomed detached, value in excess of £100,000. Dayan has made pathetic comments about 'his concern' about the increasing number of animals used for vivisection although he continues to vivisect animals himself and work for an establishment that tortures to death countless numbers of animals every year. His property - purchased with the blood of tortured animals - was damaged in a night attack by ALF activists 3rd July 1982.

*Information above was correct at time of newsletter being printed.

(iii)ALF comment

"I am delighted to see the formation of the Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group. I believe it fills a vacuum which has evolved recently - it demonstrates the increasing support the ALF has for its activities and objectives. The money contributed is desperately needed by the ALF and I honestly believe it can only grow. The ALF thamks everyone that has joined and they can rest assurred their financial support will be used in the best possible way to achieve our goal - total animal liberation and the end of all forms of animal abuse....."

Ronnie Lee (Press Officer, A.L.F.) 2nd October 1982.

The Animal Liberation Front - The **ONLY** Way.

The A.L.F. has for many years been seen as a small direct action group within the mainstream of the Animal Rights Movement. However, this situation has now changed and the A.L.F. and other radical groups have accomplished more raids and actions than the National societies have arranged demonstrations. For this reason, there is a need to understand how militant direct action relates to the general campaign for animal rights.

Firstly, it can be said that many active members of the ALF and Animal Liberation Leagues believe that direct action is not a 'side show' to gain publicity which can then be utilised to enhance traditional campaigns, but is an alternative to those campaigns and that people drawn in by the publicity should not be encouraged to be under any illusion about the historic failure of 'letter writing' and 'parliamentary manœuvre'. Unfortunately, many of the so-called'leading figures' in the Animal Rights struggle are so tied up in theur own campaigns, they look at direct action and think "How will this help my campaign ?". They also appear to believe they themselves can control direct action and turn it on and off forgetting it cannot be judged in terms of its effect on 'Campaign for healthy food' and G.E.C.C.A.P. They overlook the fact that the effect of direct action must be examined in the context of its effect on (i)a particular establishment which is raided and the animals abused therein and are liberated (ii)the Overall struggle for Animal Rights.

Within the A.L.F. and similiar groups, the respectable campaigns are seen in their true light - simply that if they can achieve animal rights they cannot be respectable ! The situation is very clear - animal liberation under the present system is not possible and has to be achieved outside the legal system. There are attempts to reform the RSPCA and to 'put animals into politics' . The ONLY reason for participating in these campaigns is the knowledge they will serve a useful purpose and the energy and money spent on these campaigns will not be diverted from the real task of liberating animals from laboratories, factory farms, mink ranches and the hunters field.

There are obviously many factors involved in deciding whether these campaigns are totally useless or just doomed to long term failure. Many of the most ardent supporters of 'respectable campaigns' would not take part in any direct action anyway and are consequently looking for something 'useful' they can do. The problem - and a cause for great anxiety - is that their little schemes involve people that would otherwise be doing really useful work. The ALF Supporters Group has therefore decided to have discussion articles on areas of policy and the A.L.F.(S.G.) believes there is a logic to direct action and that a conciousness of that logic should be developed. Decisions should also be reached as to whether campaigns launched by other groups should be supported - viz. whether there is any useful purpose in supporting them.

The two most potentially damaging campaigns at present are (i)GECAPP (Putting Animals into politics) (ii)the futile attempt to radicalise the RSPCA. Both these campaigns have brought about alternative secondary targets implying that all we have to do is convince 360 Members of Parliament that animal abuse is wron g and change the structure of the RSPCA Council - and then 'all will be well'. The facts of the matter are simply that M.P.'s are not there because they are compassionate people but because they are skilled at playing the 'politics game' and they can weigh up the strength of different-forces and support the one that is the strongest. They are selected to be candidates because they 'toe the party line' and they can play off different pressure groups within their own party. Any compassionate sincere politician would not even become a candidate, let alone win an election. An examination of M.P.'s vast and sometimes, suspicious financial interests and frequent absenses away from 'the House' to pursue those interests proves this beyond doubt.

The very structure of the RSPCA makes it impossible to organise and effect radical campaigning from within. If it were purged by activists, the result would not be necessarily the radicalisation of the RSPCA, but more likely the de-radicalisation of the 'progessives'.

The rescue of 12 beagles from the Boots breeding Centre by the A.L.F. on 19th June 1982 - as told by one of the A.L.F. unit members taking part.

".....As prearranged, all vehicles met in a car park in Nottingham. The occupants of the six vehicles firstly discussed everything to make sure it was understood. We then made our way in convoy to a safe house nearby and had quick refreshments there while we studied the map and plans of the Boots laboratory at Thurgaton, Nottingham. There was discussion regarding the way we would enter the premises and we all agreed on escape routes. Each member of the team were given definete tasks to perform . Some of the drivers went out and surveyed the area with the view to parking the vans which would be used to carry away the animals - they also checked the escape routes to ensure they were familiar with them. Whilst they were doing this, the remaining members of the group waited tensely for the predetermined time of 1 a.m.

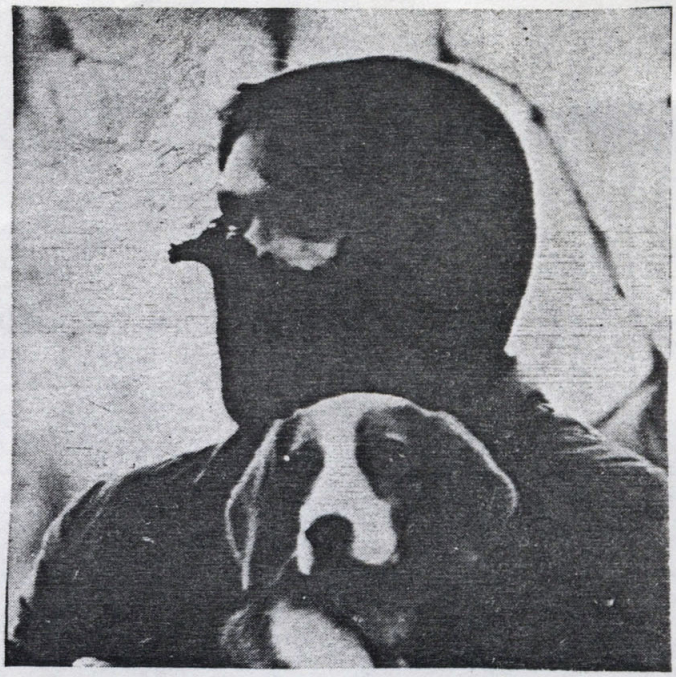
During this time the group passed the time talking about previous raids and actions they had carried out successfully to prevent undue anxiety arising whilst waiting. The drivers returned by 11.30pm when we went through the plans once again and at midnight the vans moved off at 5 minute intervals. The cars were left near the safe house. My vehicle arrived at the farm track at 12.30pm and I waited for the other vehicles to arrive at the agreed point - on the corner of a field by the farm track I was standing on. All vans had arrived by 12.45pm and all lights were extinguished. We were then approx. 3 miles from the Boots kennels and they were not visible at our starting point. Our anxiety as we moved off had become determination.

There had been heavy rain for some while and we started yomping across the muddy fields - already soaked to the skin - in pitch darkness. We used the hedge lines to give us the directions we needed - this had been worked out in previous months when the hedges had been carefully mapped out as we knew they would be the only thing that would guide us in the darkness. After 3½ hours of yomping across the fields (which had become like marshland due to the near-torrential rain) there was a light in the distance and we knew from previous dry runs(a'dry run' is a dress rehersal always done before the action - on at least two occasions) we were approaching the Boots kennels. The silence of the night was suddenly broken by non-stop barking of the dogs as they presumably heard us (this is a common occurrence) and by then there was only one obstacle before the Boots fencing. This was a fast flowing river which by this time was high and the sides were very slippery and unsound - we had come prepared for this - two of our group were carrying a pontoon-type bridge with them made up of a ladder and some walking boards. This was dropped into position and the team made its way across it to a fence surrounding the kennel complex. As previously planned, we made our way to the doors leading into the kennel complex which had been open on previous dry runs. The first two ALF members were stunned to find these doors locked and two other members went away to the back of the complex where there was a low wall with a 7' fence on it.One of the group previously detailed to enter the kennels jumped the fence while the other member waited - by this time the whole group had joined these two. The dogs - about 150 - were extremely nervous and continued with their incessant barking. Once inside the complex, the member found the doors to each kennel pen were unlocked and opened easily. The first dog was picked up and passed to the member standing on the wall who took the dog attaching a collar and lead - the dog was then passed to the other members nearby whose job was to take a dog each and care for it. It was completely dark in the kennels and the member sensed there was yet another dog in the same pen - unlike the first dog - a bitch - this was a male . (The reason for this was later found out to be for breeding - i.e. Boots after experimenting on these dogs for up to two years reintroduced male dogs to the kennels to breed yet more dogs for experimentation, mutilation and torture). One of our members is slightly disabled and crashed through the fence badly hurting his back on the fall.

The rescue of 12 beagles from Boots(Continued).

.....There was a terrible stench from the area and from sliding about in the kennel pens, it soon became apparent they can not been cleaned out for quite some while - the Boots beagles after being tortured were being made to live in unhealthy filth. After the kennels had been emptied of the number of dogs we had decided we would rescue, we made our way out of the kennel compound and back over the pontoon-type bridge. Even in this short time, the beagles were becoming incredibly heavy and it was only the determination to liberate these abused and mutilated creatures that gave us the strength to make the long trek back over the fields which were now much worse due to the continuing rain. The group had by then become split up and the first 8 people and dogs got back to the vans and decided amongst themselves to send a driver and helper away to escape safely and without detection.

In a short time the group were together again and the vans began to speed off along the previously mapped-out escape route. Some of these went to the homes which had been arranged for the dogs while other vans went back and dropped off group members with the dog they had carried and were responsible for at the place where the cars were parked. It was during these journeys members of the group realised the dogs had been mutilat--ed - i.e. their carotid artery had been cut out and exposed to help the Boots experimentors to carry out tests on them. Our feeling of exhilaration turned to pure anger and disgust when this was discovered and our determination to get the dogs away increased.



With deep regret one of the liberated dogs jumped out of the arms of the person carrying it. The ALF deeply regret this although it is felt this behaviour illustrated the dog's mistrust of humans due to the vile way Boots had treated it. All dogs rescued were extremely nervous although most of them allowed us to carry them over the fields away from the kennels without too much difficulty.

We felt this was a successful operation and we learned a great deal from the new methods used and I hope by relaying these details people will appreciate the tremendous amount of planning that is needed before a raid or action is carried out. I hope also what I have said will enable other groups to attempt animal liberation which initially may seem impossible. I hope also that people will think about what Boots had done to these animals, what they were trying to do and the conditions they were kept in - it would seem ironic that after this raid that ALF Supporters continued to give Boots their financial support and therefore enable them to carry on their abominable "work"....."

Dictated by one of the A.L.F. members who took part in the Boots Laboratory Kennel raid on 19th June 1982.

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Animal Liberation Front (2)!

THE BEGINNING OF
ANIMAL LIBERATION

AND THE END OF
ANIMAL ABUSE



Two Animal Liberation Front activists speak.....

The ALF(S.G) interviewed two ALF activists on November 9th at their home. For obvious reasons they cannot be referred to by their real names, so they will be called J(who is male, aged 38 and self-employed) and A(who is female, 32 and an Executive Officer in the Civil Service). Their home is three-bedroomed, well-kept and contains their one school-aged child and numerous animals they have rescued and have been 'dumped' upon them. J. has been vegetarian for 4 years and A. vegan for 6.

ALF(SG). How long have you been activist mem bers of the ALF ?.
J. About 2½ years - before then we used to send them money but we felt that we had to become active. We were and are still active members of the non direct action organ-isations but we felt we were not doing enough for the animals - principally because the organisations we belonged to were not giving us the right lead.
ALF(SG). How active are you ?
A. We try to do something for the animals at least every three/four weeks. Anything that causes suffering to animals is a target - vivisection laboratories, breeding centres, factory farms, circuses, Hunts., fur farms/shops and anyone actively involved in them. We obviously both have our individual 'special hates' so our actions are evenly spread across the whole animal abuse system.
ALF(SG). Do you feel animal abuse can be ended by political means ?
A. Not really, I think at the end of the day, if animal abuse is legislated against, it will be because they have to legislate against it for fear of what the ALF and people who accept the ALF view are doing. If this doesn't occur, we will simply stamp out animal abuse and it will die out - people will just dare not abuse animals - it would be nice if we could educate people but some people just cannot be educated - the only way they can be 'educated' is to teach them their behaviour will not be tolerated and allowed.
J. We haven't been caught yet and until we are - hopefully never ! - we will continue what we're doing now. Once you get animal liberation in your blood you just can't stop.
ALF(SG). What is your personal reaction to an ALF action ?
J. Well, it's hard to describe. We obviously feel very tense beforehand and our greatest fear is being caught. It may be hard for some people to understand but this fear is not wholly for ourselves but that after seeing the animals in a lab. or suchlike, we fear that getting caught will mean we won't get them out.
ALF(SG) What's your ALF cell like ?
A. There's five of us and we get on really well. Our political views are different and there's an amazing cross-section of religion - we have a Buddhist, Christian and an atheist but this causes no problems. When we meet - we just talk about the animals and how we can help them. This garbage about being thugs of the ultra-left or ultra-right is is just that - garbage. None of us have got really strong political views and anyway, as an ALF group, we're only interested in animals - if any of us did have really strong political views, none of the other members would know or be interested about them anyway.
ALF(SG). How do you hear about your targets ?
J. Basically by keeping our eyes open - animal abuse-including abuse on a really large scale- it's everywhere so you don't have to look very hard. As I drive around a lot I find out quite a lot that way.
ALF(SG). What do you do immediately after an action ?
A. Usually sleep ! Fortunately with my job, I can work flexible hours so if I get in at 4am I can get 4-5 hours sleep before work. Sometimes it's very difficult to sleep as you're so excited about what you've just done, you have to wind down. Some of us even find it difficult to talk for a while. On an action your body and mind must be working 10 times the normal. J and I don't always do actions together as we wouldn't want to be caught together in view of our child and animals - sometimes that isn't a bad thing in a way.
ALF(SG) What do you honestly feel about the A.L.F. ?
J. We both think it is the way animal liberation will be achieved. The ALF has done more for animals in 6 years than anyone has done in a 100. Whether people like to admit it or not, that's the truth. I think direct action will be the thing that brings about animal liberation although of course I think the other organisations have a vital part to play - the proof of this is that we both belong to many of them but they alone cannot end animal abuse. I believe more and more people are realising this.

The A.L.F. raid on Leicester University Psychology Animal Torture Department.

The A.L.F. decided it was necessary to show support for Brendan McNally wrongly imprisoned in Glen Parva prison, Leicester in an attempt to stop this young animal rights activist from attending any more demonstrations against animal abuse.

It was felt there would be greater significance if a raid was timed to coincide with the Saturday 31st July 1982 demonstration outside Glen Parva prison by animal rights activists who were protesting against his unlawful imprisonment. It was also thought to be better to (a)raid a nearby animal abuse establishment - we therefore picked Leicester University Psychology Department which is notorious for experimenting on animals (b)raid this establishment before the demonstration took place so the demonstrators and Brendan himself could be told of the raid as soon as the demonstration started (Brendan was visited by a group of demonstrators) which would boost morale and be a sign to the authorities that illegal imprisonment would not under any circumstances prevent direct action.

We arrived in Leicester just before midnight on Friday 30th and we went to the University complex. Three of our group made a close inspection of the complex and the Psychology Department building. They ascertained the points of entry, exit and the look-out positions that would be necessary. They reported back to the remaining group - 5 of us who had now concealed ourselves in the area. After satisfying ourselves all avenues had been covered, we mapped out our escape routes. It was now Saturday 31st July and within 12 hours, the demonstration for Brendan would take place.

The group of 8 split up into four teams of 2 people and we made our seperate ways to the Psychology Department building.It was easy to ascertain where the animal torture rooms were as these are usually located at the very top or very bottom of buildings - "away from prying eyes" - and also usually have ventilator shafts.

Six of the group when at the Psychology Department, again concealed themselves. The other two members went to the basement window of the building - one then took up the position of look-out while the other began to tape up the window. The look-out was essential in this case as the window to be broken was below ground level and sight of the university complex was therefore very limited.



After checking everything was completely clear, the member who had taped up the window then broke it. The window in fact was thicker and (therefore) more heavy than it looked and the tape used to prevent it falling out and making a noise was inadequate to hold it and the window therefore smashed completely and fell to the ground making a noise. Because of this, the two members ran back and passed a lonely pedestrian who fortunately saw little of the two running past him.

We then decided to wait a while to see whether he had called the police. After a while, we were satisfied no police had been called and the area was still clear the group went to the Psychology Department window leaving a look-out in position. The group then went into the building through the broken window and into a storeroom. We then had to get into the main corridor to get to the animal holding and animal torture rooms and some amusement was caused by one member who after making numerous attempts to open the door with the aid of a crowbar found it opened at the turn of a latch !

The A.L.F. raid on Leicester University Psychology Animal Torture Department.

We then split into groups of two and made our way into the main corridor. Each group then entered different rooms - some holding animals to be later tortured and some being actual animal torture rooms.

With the aid of torches we got a clear view of the tools the sadists used in the department. In view of us being in a psychology Department, we all soon gained the impression that the so-called human beings "working" there needed immediate and deep psychological treatment and one member of our group said a swift sharp blow to the heads of the madmen who carried out the animal torture there "might help".

Equipment in most of the rooms consisted of drums. There were also many electric generators and wires used for giving the animals electric shocks. The drums were devised apparently to deprive the young of their mothers (and the mothers of their young) and to introduce surrogate mothers. All of the group were deeply angered by this. Myself, I remembered a previous raid where I had seen baby monkeys given a children's toy monkey made of material and stuffing in a 'surrogate mother experiment' and the baby monkeys climbing over her tugging at her arms and head wondering why there was no reaction with total bewilderment and anguish in their eyes. Their mother in fact was already dead used in a tran-splant experiment nearby. What we found and had seen enraged us and we looked for animal torture equipment to destroy. One piece was a drum-like apparatus meant for surrogate experiments but also had electric strips running across it presumably to also electrocute animals already suffering from unnatural deprivation. This fiendish device was totally destroyed alongwith several other pieces of animal torture equipment.

Most of the equipment in the department was destroyed with the crowbars, hammers and wirecutters we had with us. One graph machine estimated to be worth thousands of pounds to the animal torturers was destroyed by two members in disgust at what they had seen. On looking for the animals, we quickly found twelve rats and they were removed in cages and left near our exit point. After spending half an hour in there we felt we had rescued all the animals there we could find and done as much damage as possible - we then made our exit.

The cages with the rats inside were carefully passed through the window to two members who had got out first to take them. The whole group then left the area with the rats, proceeding to our vehicles. Homes had already been arranged for the liberated rats and they were taken there immediately. After this, on examination of the rats' feet, we saw there were blisters on some where they had been forced to walk on electrified floors.

We felt this operation was successful although we learned one rat has recently died. This directly caused through what was suffered whilst being tortured in the Leicester University Psychology Department. The remaining eleven rats are safe and well in good homes now responding to the attention and care they are now being given and which they are fully entitled to as a right.

Dictated by one of the 8
A.L.F. activists who took
part in the above action.

** The above action involved £120 - in A.L.F. activists travelling from their homes to Leicester, equipment to carry out action, initial treatment and examination of rats (several were in poor health for a fortnight after the action), large suitable cages and similiar for rats in their new homes, taking rats to new homes and A.L.F. activists returning to their own homes.

Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group details.
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(1). Please remember there is always a need for good caring homes for liberated animals - if you can help, please write to the A.L.F. saying what animal and how many you could home together with your full address and telephone number.

(2). May we ask that anyone changing their method of payment by cheque or postal order to the standing order method (which is of great assistance to the ALF(SG) and saves the payer time, postage, poundage, etc;) endorses the reverse of the standing order form " MTSO" which will signify they are already members simply changing their method of payment and not new members. Thank you.

(3). As stated in the last newsletter, regular payments are the very backbone of the ALF(SG) and to our concern, a few members who promised to send in their £2 every month on a certain date are not doing so. In early December, there were still a few October payments outstanding. PLEASE, PLEASE send in the money when due and as promised. It causes anxiety and takes up time to/for the ALF(SG) but to the animals inevitably it can be the difference between liberation & the placing into a good home and painful agonising death.

(4). Members and Animal Rights groups may wish to 'adopt' a defence fund.Further details about each one are available from the A.L.F. if thought further information will help.The present defence funds are:-
(a)Shardlow 8. (b)Operation Valentine. (c)Triangle 4. (d)Porton 29.
(e)Curbridge 11. (f)Ross Beagles 8.

(5). Those members joining after the first newsletter was sent out will be unaware of the "Operation Valentine Photo. Collection" available from the A.L.F. (To whom cheques etc; should be made payable to). Three photographs (NOT 'photocopies') - approx. 9" x 7" detailing the Operation Valentine action against the Life Science Animal Torture Centre on February 14th 1982. These photos. show:- (i)The tremendous damage done to the Centre (ii)A.L.F. activists storming the Centre. (iii)An ALF activist holding a liberated Beagle. Photo (iii) is priceless - its worth getting the whole collection for just this one. The collection is £7 and will be sent out with the next newsletter. If wanted before then (approx. the end of February), £7.40 can be sent and the collection will be sent out as soon as they become available.

This offer is made available to A.L.F.(S.G) members ONLY by the A.L.F. to whom requests/money should be sent - please mark your letter "Op.Valentine Photos".

(6). The next photo collection we hope will be the Southend Essex Mink farm raid on August 22nd 1982.

(7). Some people have queried the amount payable for membership of the A.L.F (S.G). It has been explained that opposed to the traditional organisations where only £5 is required for annual membership (where most of the membership are non-active and only pay this as virtual 'conscience money'), those who join the A.L.F(S.G) believe animal liberation is a <u>continual concept</u> and would rather have their money spent on animal liberation through helping A.L.F. defence funds than glossy leaflets, expensive offices, conferences that achieve nothing, etc;. Considering the situation of animal abuse with two daily cigarettes or slices of bread or a weekly 'half-pint' (which is what membership of the A.L.F.(S.G) costs), it seems little to ask in comparison. The proof the sum intitially agreed(£2) was reasonable is the number of people who have joined. The number of people we believed would join the ALF(SG) as the final total, was reached <u>within two weeks</u> of the ALF(SG) starting ! This only goes to prove somewhat conclusively that the traditional organisations have lost touch with their own membership and what their membership want - <u>Animal Liberation.</u>

A.L.F.(S.G) details-(2).

(8). Those who received the last newsletter saw the animal abuser "adopted" for that particular newsletter was Pro-vivisector Dayan of Beckenham,Kent who is employed by the infamous Wellcome animal torture centre in Beckenham. Wellcome were upset when three of their employees had their very expensive properties (purchased with the blood and agonising screams of tortured helpless animals) damaged by ALF activists on 3rd July 1982. We understand Wellcome's upset has now become virtual paranoia as Dayan has been"advised"by various people of their feelings about his " work " . Even traditional organisation leaders have condemned the (so-called) persecution of this sub-human because he has made vague double-meaning insincere statements about such things as the criminal LD50 test (** This is an 'old trick' - vivisectors often do this to prevent ALF attacks as they think apparently 'sympathising' with anti-vivisection will reduce the chances of them being attacked by the A.L.F.)

Well the A.L.F. has news for the Wellcome Animal Torturers - we haven't even started yet.....

In fact vivisectors condemning vivisection is not only absurd but simply makes them total hypocrites as well as sadistic murderers. They make pathetic statements of how badly animals are treated but carry on vivisecting and/or directing vivisection. Some people might be fooled by this, but the A.L.F. won't be.

Important Note.

The telephone number given for Dayan in the last newsletter no longer applies**** - those receiving the last newsletter should note this and it would be preferable if they could delete the number from the newsletter. As telephone numbers can be changed and given to innocent subscribers very quickly whilst the A.L.F(S.G) newsletter is only issued every two months, telephone numbers of animal abusers will not be given in future. Those wishing to telephone them to express their personal disgust at what they do should make their own enquiries to obtain the number.

(9) The animal abuser you may like to adopt on this occasion is:-

Mrs.K.L.Ingleton, Lower Wards Farm, Minster, Sheppey, Kent.

The above-named is secretary of the Isle of Sheppey B.F.S.S.(British Field Sports Society. frequently called 'Bloody Fiends and Sick Sadists'). This "organisation" supports and wholly encourages the hunting of helpless innocent animals and actively opposes anyone or anything attempting to have this abomination stopped. Why not let her know what *YOU* think ??????

(10). Members may wish to note that it is the A.L.F.(S.G)'s intention to obtain and issue membership cards in the near future. Each member will be given their own personal number. In the case of those paying their subscript-ion monthly, it will be of help to them as no covering letter will be needed to say who it is from as simply writing their number on the back of the postal order will be sufficient.

(11). Important ! The first newsletter included important, if not, vital details about the A.L.F. These details cannot be repeated in each newsletter as this would of course be unfair to those joining at the beginning and subsequently. It is not possible to send out the first newsletter to each new member because of printing/postage costs. The contents included (1)The A.L.F. - details of how it came into being (2)The A.L.F. - how they operate (3)The Need for direct action (4)Diary of ALF actions since January 1982 - you'll be surprised at how many actions you don't hear/read about ! - (5)A very detailed account of the Boots raid by the A.L.F. on 19th June 1982. The newsletter is

(11)(Continued). ..... 30p which covers just the printing & postage. Anyone wanting it should send an amount to cover at least the printing/postage and it will be sent with the next newsletter to go out. Please write to the A.L.F.(S.G) marking your letter "Back copy". Thank you.

It cannot be stressed enough how important this first newsletter is - for a truly accurate picture of what the A.L.F. is, its a 'must'. The A.L.F(S.G) would liked to have sent this to everyone joining after its issue date but costs prevented this. The A.L.F(SG) can only say that if you didn't receive it at the issue date because you weren't a member but order it now, you will not regret it.

(12)The ALF(S.G) feels it should explain what seems to be 'a delay' in responding to standing orders, letters, etc;. There is sometimes an unavoidable delay in receiving post via Box 190 and the greatest cause is due to the fact that a newsletter may have just gone out and the members will not hear until the next one is sent - possibly two months. We can only apologise for this but if we wrote acknowledging membership this would rob the A.L.F. of money intended for liberating animals - in view of this, there is really no choice in the matter - as we really hope members will understand !

(13)The ALF(SG) and ALF are pleased to advise members that Patrick McFadzean wrongly arrested and unlawfully imprisoned has been released on bail. Patrick, a dedicated vegetarian and active worker for the Cambridge Peace Centre was imprisoned due to lies told by police officers at Huntingdon Magistrates Court on 19/10/82. These included the fairy-story that Patrick had assaulted a police inspector - this was accepted despite witnesses stating a different account and the fact that Patrick is NOT a man of violence - i.e. his hard work for peace at the Cambridge Peace Centre. Demonstrators at the Huntingdon Research Centre(HRC) were amazed at the police reaction and subsequent violence there. What wasn't known at the time was the fact the police 'guarding' the HRC were given a 'guided tour' of the HRC by the animal torturers there shortly before the demonstrators arrived and were presumably fed the usual lies about the "value" of vivisection and no doubt the story that animals were literally queueing at their gates pleading to be mutilated, tortured and murdered so mankind could benefit from this. The police were therefore totally indoctrinated when the demonstrators arrived and Patrick as with others, suffered as a result of this.....

It was decided when the ALF(SG) was started that details of animal abuse in the ALF(SG) newsletters would not be necessary as members would be fully aware of animal abuse but to remind members of what the notorious HRC is all about we quote some of the "work" done at the HRC :-

"....180 New Zealand white rabbits had a total of ten different shampoos instilled into their eyes. It was noted one sample caused all the rabbits to struggle violently and three of the six rabbits screamed upon instillation of the product" (Ref. J.Soc. Comestic Chemists).

This is what the demonstration was protesting against and the ALF(SG) would take the opportunity of applauding the work of the Cambridge Animal Aid group in publicising the fiendish "work" of this animal extermination camp.

WHO WILL YOU SUPPORT - PATRICK McFADZEN OR THE ANIMAL TORTURERS/MURDERERS OF HUNTINGDON RESEARCH CENTRE ???

A.L.F. (S.G.) details - (4).

(14) It is stated in the A.L.F.(S.G) letter (which has the standing order at the end) that money sent to the A.L.F.(Supporters Group) is to help with fines, court costs, (etc) of those arrested whilst attempting to liberate animals about to be/being abused, tortured and murdered.

It simply cannot be stated in words how much this financial support and assistance is needed and appreciated. A.L.F. activists cannot help the animals if in prison - the money sent by ALF(S.G) members directly helps the activists - apart from showing they support the activists.

Many people have over the years - and are still doing so - send in money to the A.L.F. asking for it to be given "to where it is most needed". Sometimes - of course - this has to be allocated against defence costs. Because of the success of the A.L.F(S.G) more of this money can now be given to 'the General Fund' (which pays for raids/actions/equipment/etc) as a great deal of legal costs are being met by the A.L.F.(S.G) . So members of the A.L.F.(Supporters Group) are not only supporting activists (and the animals they aim to liberate) but indirectly, the actions themselves.

(15)The postcard below is for the ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT(SUPPORTERS GROUP). It is high quality and shows four successful A.L.F. actions in 1982. (Top left)Six cats from London School of Hygeine (July) (Top right)Liberation of mink doomed to be skinned at Rochford,Essex(August). (Bottom left) Rabbits liberated from Safepharm, Derbyshire(7/2/82). (Bottom Right) Dogs liberated from Life Science Animal Torture Centre(14/2/82).

These postcards are only 10p each - or 10 for 75p. (Please enclose stamp - Thanks) Please mark your letter"A.L.F.(S.G)Postcards."
You can now write to your Member of Parliament, local animal abuser or animal abuse supporter showing EXACTLY where your sympathy lies !

This is the first time something such as this has been done - surely an opportunity NOT to be missed !!!



Animal Liberation Front & direct action - the animals' only hope.

Whether opponents of direct action wish to admit it or not, in the last six years more people are aware of how animals are abused, how many are abused and the true nature of animal abuse - greed, sadism, theft, deceit and the oppression of the sickest kind - mutilating, torturing and the slow painful murder of helpless sentient creatures who have no voice or way of fighting back.

The A.L.F. is now feared by all animal abusers. Articles featuring guided tours around laboratories etc; always now include comments that those"working" there "did not wished to be named for fear of attacks" . This situation is a long way off from giving animal abusers the same pain, discomfort and fear they give the animals but it is undoubtably the beginning of justified retaliation.

There can be no doubt whatsoever that the destruction of animal abuse equipment and property is vitally important in the fight against animal abuse. However the animals will always be the primary concern. If one considers Operation Valentine on February 14th 1982 at the Life Science Animal Torture Centre at Stock, Essex this point is fully illustrated. If the ALF action had been the damage only, it would have been reported in the Press simply as masked people carrying crowbars and hammers running into the complex, carrying out maximum damage and then leaving as quickly as possible. However, this was not the case - due to the rescue of beagles rats and mice, the Press gave sympathetic coverage and the Public were shown the animals the vivisection fiends were about to torture. The action was reported throughout the world and all pictures of the action included A.L.F. activists with animals. This situation is also illustrated by the Safepharm action on February 7th 1982. When animal abuse establishments become the target of the A.L.F. and the possibility to liberate animals doomed to torture arises, the liberation of these animals will always come first.

Animals prepared for slaughter for food, vivisection and hunting care nothing for leafletting, letter-writing,demonstrations,sit-ins, etc;. They want liberation and they WANT IT **NOW**. With EVERY action, the first question will always be "How will it help the animals ? - How can their discomfort be lessened ? - How many can be rescued ? " . And then - and only then - do the questions of how much damage to the property and aggravation to the animal abusers arise.

It is with this thought in mind that the A.L.F. exists - the myth of politicians legislating against animal abuse does not help the animals. The "possibility" of animal abuse perhaps ending in about such-and-such a year is of no use whatsoever to the animals being tortured now. This is why the A.L.F. exists - it is not a concept of future ideals and possibilities - it is a organisation of dedicated people that is liberating animals NOW. If the A.L.F. did not exist, who could the animals depend upon ? - an honest person would answer "no one".

The animals are dependant upon those who care about their plight - there is no one else for them to look to and because of this, everyone who professes a concern for animals has an obligation to fight for them. It has become painfully evident that politicians and traditional animal 'welfare' orgainisations have deserted their plight - in the case of the latter, for every form completed in triplicate, every 'conference', every 'committee', every glossy colour vague leaflet printed, one or more animals die - painfully, slowly without any hint of help.

The A.L.F. is the 'middle man' between abused animals and those who care for animals - no wasted money in leaflets, offices, staff, wages - just ANIMAL LIBERATION.

*** H E L P T H E A.L.F. H E L P T H E A N I M A L S ***

Diary of A.L.F. actions

(i) An ALF team of four rescue young bitch (suffering from severe malnutrition and skin condition with choke chain embedded in neck) from Doncaster animal abuser. (6/9/82).

(ii)ALF team do damage to Belfast furrier and subsequently warn that there will be more attacks. (10/9/82)

(iii)Thirty animals liberated from annexe of Sheffield hospital by ALF team of 17. Animals rescued included rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters and rats. Rabbits in poor health and some had attachments to ears. All in good health and good homes now. A notebook taken from the lab. stated these animals were former pets. (12/9/82).

(iv)ALF teams do substantial damage to Butchers shops in Finsbury Park and Brixton (London) in night attacks. (16th September).

(v)ALF attack Finsbury Park butchers shop (again) - damage done. (22/9/82).

(vi)ALF liberate 18 battery chickens from Daventry(Northants.) convent . One chicken died shortly afterwards and the free-range chicken breeder who saw the chickens advised Press "They were unable to walk, near starvation, half their feathers were missing, claws overgrown and they couldn't stand daylight. Whoever crippled them like this must be monsters.....". They are now healthy & in good homes. (27/9/82).

(vii) ALF damage circus booking office in Norwich. (30/9/82).

(viii)ALF team of 5 raid school and rescue 109 mice,hamsters, guinea pigs, etc;(Norwood Horticultural College, London). This ALF team were all aged under 18 years of age. (29/9/82).

(ix)Fur shop, Norwich,damaged by ALF team. (3/10/82).

(x) Belfast furrier (see (ii).) attacked again by ALF team - more damage done. (8/10/82).

(xi)3,000 pheasants worth £6,000 liberated by ALF from Boston, Lincs breeding farm - damage also done. Pheasants were in battery-type conditions. (10/10/82).

(xii)70 pheasants liberated from farm in Faversham, Kent. (12/10/82).

(xiii)Chicken processing plant in Norton.St.Philip, Somerset damaged by ALF .This firm "processes" 100,000 9-week old chicks every week. (17/10/82).

(xiv)Sheffield University, notorious for experimenting on animals damaged by ALF. (20/10/82).

(xv)Bristol University medical Dept. notorious for experimenting upon animals damaged by ALF. (20/10/82).

(xvi)ALF team damage property belonging to owner of islands where seal-culling occurs (for which he gives permission). Orkney Sea Shepherd state action was supported.(28/10/82)

(xvii)25 guinea pigs rescued from Ashley Heath, Hampshire laboratory breeding farm by ALF - now all in good safe homes. (28/10/82).

(xviii)Horsham(Sussex) Angling club damaged by ALF. (November 1982).

(xix)Ahunting and a Fur shop in Wimborne, Dorset damaged by A.L.F. (5/11/82).

(xx) Crookall, N.W.Durham Chemical establishment damaged by A.L.F. (7/11/82).

(xxi)Lostwithiel, Cornwall dairy/creamery plant damaged by A.L.F. in protest against confinement and slaughtering of calves to effect milk produce for human consumption and cheese produce.(** Newly-born calves are slaughtered for fennet (from their stomache)for cheese **). (10/11/82).

(xxii)Westcliff,Essex furshops severely damaged by A.L.F. (week ending 12/11/82).

(xxiii)Bere Regis, Dorset battery hen farm raided by ALF - 12 chickens rescued. Now in good safe homes. Battery cages for 5 hens were found to contain more than this number.(14/11/82).

(xxiv) (Information.....) Colworth House, Bedfordshire vivisection labs. receives

Diary of A.L.F. actions (2).

(xxiv continued) security defences costing "millions of pounds" to prevent raids "because it is thought to be high on the Animal Liberation Front's list of targets..."(quote). (November 14th 1982).

(xxv) South Western Chicks(Warren Ltd.) at Child Okeford, Dorset, raided by ALF who liberated 16 battery hens. (21/11/82). The ALF submitted a report to local RSPCA who had failed to deal with complaints:-
(a)In one cage, there were 12 hens including one dead and one decomposing. Each cage had at least 11 birds in.
(b)Dead chickens found throughout unit - many decomposing.
(c)The liberated chickens (now in good safe homes) were either suffering from severe feather loss or were bald.
(d)The food was wet and soured.
(e)The dung was several inches deep in the cage trays.
(f)Stench of ammonia - unbearable heat - ventilators not working correctly.
(g)Many chickens had no access to food nor water.

If the ALF had not acted, through the incompetence, neglect and disinterest of the RSPCA, these 16 birds would still be in this hell-hole.

(xxvi)Verwood, Bournemouth, poultry farm raided by ALF who rescue 13 hens and damage property there. (21/11/82).

(xxvii)A.L.F. damage Biorex Laboratory in Islington, London which use animals in pharmaceutical experiments. (22/11/82).

(xxviii)A.L.F. in a night attack damage Fur factory and shop in Bounds Green, London. (22/11/82).

(xxix)A.L.F. in a night attack damage Fur factory in Saintfield, Belfast (27/11/82).

(xxx)Ringwood(Hants) hunting shop damaged by A.L.F. (2/12/82)

(xxxi)Four fur shops damaged in Liverpool by A.L.F. (7/12/82).

(xxxii)Battery Farm in Mangotsfield, Bristol damaged by direct action animal rights activists - four dead chickens found inside farm left with local Pfess.(10/12/82)

(xxxiii)20 rabbits rescued(from home of man recently imprisoned for animal cruelty offences)by the A.L.F. (13/12/82).

A.L.F. actions from January 1982 to September 1982 are fully detailed in the first newsletter. 1982 has seen a tremendous rise in direct action against the property of animal abusers and to rescue/liberate animals. As the A.L.F. continues its fight, its actions will be fully detailed as they happen in A.L.F.(Supporter Group). newsletters.

"....We have so enslaved the rest of animal creation, and have treated our distant cousins in fur and feather so badly, that beyond doubt, if they were ever to formulate a religion - they would certainly depict the Devil in human form....."
(William Ralph Inge).

When animal abusers sleep, the A.L.F. do not.....

The A.L.F. "Shopping list" for 1976-77 is shown below. Other actions did occur and the total damage is likely to be in excess of £300,000. All figures given are factual and in some cases even the animal abusers confirmed them. In the case of the March 1977 BFSS action, the barbarian British Field Sports Society confirmed the £12,000 figure as "totally correct" .....

Date	Action at	Details	£ Damage
(i)July 76	Charles Rivers (UK) Ltd.(Lab.animal breeder)	Vehicle damaged	2000
(ii)July 76	Pfizers Ltd(Drug company)	3 pregant beagles rescued (They had 11 puppies)	800
(iii)Aug 76	Col. Storey-Pugh(Breeder/Experimentor)	Offices wrecked	1000
(iv)Aug 76	Essex Union Fox Hunt	Kennels raided,vehicles immobilised & hunt ruined	1000
(v)Sept.76	Wilton Fox & Courtenay-Trace Otter Hunt	Kennels raided & vehicle wrecked	1000
(vi)Oct.76	Dalconzi Mink(Fur) Farm	1,500 silver foxes released	90000
(vii)Nov.76	Research Defence Society	All files removed	500
(viii)Nov.76	OLAC Capel Isaac Lab.Animal breeders	14 Beagle puppies rescued	800
(ix)Dec.76	Old Berkshire Fox Hunt	Kennels raided & tack destroyed	3000
(x)Jan.77.	West Kent Fox Hunt	Kennels raided & tack destroyed	2500
(xi)Feb.77	Earlsbrook Stud Lab.Animal breeders	14 Beagles rescued	800
(xii)March.77	British Field "Sports" Society	Offices wrecked & files taken	12000
(xiii)March.77	Evans Ltd Lab.Animal breeders	Mice rescued & offices wrecked	2000
(xiv)March.77	Warwickshire Fox Hunt	Point-to-point wrecked	6000
(xv)March.77	Malvern Research Station	25 dogs & 40 cats rescued	3000
(xvi)April.77	Shipton Ltd Game bird breeders	Birds released & pens wrecked	10000
(xvii)April.77	Evans Ltd Lab.Animal breeders (2nd time)	Mice rescued & offices wrecked	500
(xviii)May.77	Billy Smart's circus	Booking caravan burnt	1000
(xix)June.77	Garrad & Sons Lab.Animal breeder	Animals rescued & Offices wrecked	1000
(xx)June.77	Exeter Slaughterhouse	Vehicles wrecked	2000
(xxi)June 77	Sutton Bridge(Lincs)	2 Seal-culling boats burned	10000
(xxii)June.77	Sutton Bridge(Lincs)	Vessel to protect cullers wrecked	5000
(xxiii)June.77	Mixbury(Broiler establishment)	5 Empty broiler houses burned	3000

A.L.F. 1976-77 (Continued).

Date	Action at	Details	£ Damage
(xxiv)Aug.77	Hambledon Fox Hunt	Kennels raided & vehicles wrecked	250
(xxv)Aug.77.	Col.Storey-Pugh(Breeder/Experimentor)	Offices wrecked(again)& files removed	1000
(xxvi)Aug.77	Gilbertson & Son Hunt. printers	Offices wrecked	1500
(xxvii)Aug.77	Worthing, Sussex.	Fishing boat destroyed by fire	7000
(xxviii)Aug.77	Shamrock Farms Ltd. Lab.Animal breeders	Offices wrecked	3000
(xxix)Aug.77	Dartmoor Otter Hunt	Vehicle burnt	1000
(xxx)Aug.77.	Blackmoor & Sparkford Vale Fox Hunt	Kennels raided & vehicles damaged	500
(xxxi)Aug.77	Cotswold Fox Hunt	Kennels raided & tack destroyed	2000
(xxxii)Aug.77	Cattistock Fox Hunt	Kennels raided & vehicles damaged	500
(xxxiii)Aug.77	Orchards Farm Chick breeders	Property damaged	500
(xxxiv)Aug.77	Tucks Ltd. Lab.Animal breeders	Empty buildings burnt	20000
(xxxv)Aug.77	Froxfield Rabbits. Breeders for Laboratories and Fur trade.	500 rabbits released and 50 rescued.Vehicles & offices damaged.	3000
(xxxvi)Sept.77.	Consultox Ltd. Toxicologists & cosmetic testing on animals.	Offices & Laboratories wrecked. Files destroyed.	75000

In addition to the above list, there were numerous other actions where damage was under £500 or difficult to estimate. For example windows broken were as follows:-

(a) Fur shops 21
(b) Circus 28
(c) Butchers 16
(d) Saddlers 4

Therefore within just 15 months of the A.L.F. being formed, this damage had been suffered by animal abusers, animals to be tortured were liberated and the public were made more aware than they had ever been of what animal abuse really means. For the first time ever, animals had a chance of avoiding mutilation, torture and degrading painful death. For the first time ever, the animal rights movement and the animals themselves could honestly cry out:-

" Human tyranny is being overthrown "

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DIRECT SUPPORT FOR DIRECT ACTION

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT SUPPORTERS GROUP
Box 190, Peace News, 8 Elm Avenue, Nottingham

What people say about the A.L.F.....

(i)"...nimal Liberation Front.....(you) are warned that this group is still active and continues to carry out acts of vandalism and theft. Files and other documents have been stolen....." (Medical Research Council(Parade State.) 1/10/76).

(ii)"....A new organisation of urban guerillas - the A.L.F...... is now claiming a major break-through in its uncompromising campaign.... three weeks ago the London offices of the Research Defence Society...were skilfully burgled...."(Sunday Times 5/12/76).

(iii)"....(Meeting a cell of the A.L.F.).. I would say they are intelligent people, certainly not fanatics....the raids have been well planned.... skill(ed) in carrying out their operations....."(Charles Langley in 'The Sun-Herald'. 2/1/77).

(iv)"...The A.L.F., the most militant of the pro-animal actionist organisations..." (Hunt Saboteurs Association's "HOWL". Spring 1977).

(v)"....The clandestine radical group called the A.L.F.....as a result(of what they have done) the A.L.F. are currently under investigation by the Special Branch and the Terrorist Squad...." (New Musical Express. 12/11/77).

(vi)"...In 1973, the Band of Mercy came into being and into the headlines with acts of violence against the property and vehicles of vivisection laboratories and others..... The A.L.F., as it is known(now)...in 1976-77 alone... caused over £300,000 worth of damage to laboratories and factory farms....."(Clive Hollands (Director of the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Vivisection) in his book "Compassion is the Bugler". 1980).

(vii)"...Is it any wonder that militant anti-vivisectionists, tired of waiting for any change, resort to "terrorist-type" activities ?".(Kim Stallwood (Campaigns Officer of the B.U.A.V.) in 'Camberly News'. February 1981.)

(viii)."....The A.L.F. have claimed responsibility for the raid....(the local) secretary of the N.A.V.S. today said that although the raid had been illegal, he and many of his members understood and sympathized with the reasons behind it...." (Portsmouth News. 2/3/81).

(ix)"...It is not surprising that militant groups become frustrated and enter into laboratories....."(Dr.Robert Sharpe,Research Officer of N.A.V.S. Sheffield Star 3/3/81)

(x)"....Lord Houghton....has warned of the sort of militancy demonstrated by the A.L.F. and said he would not be surprised to see the vandalism stepped up.....Mr Colin Smith, Gen.Sec., of the N.A.V.S.....blamed inaction by successive Governments for the behaviour of extremist groups....."(Lord Dowding Fund Bulletin(15)Spring 1981).

(xi)"....The release of 14 beagle dogs from Wickham Laboratories...by the A.L.F. has helped to focus a spotlight on that infamous establishment...."(Animal Aid's 'Outrage' May/June 1981).

(xii)"....The A.L.F. - an organisation whose members protect their anonymity in order to wage a campaign of illegal...action to publicise their cause"(The Scotsman.30/6/81).

(xiii)"...The A.L.F....have rescued many animals from cruel treatment, vivisection, and abusive exploitation.....they are extremely careful in all their actions...." (Jewish Vegetarian. Autumn 1981).

(xiv)"...It was therefore particularly distressing to us to (suffer)unpleasant & vicious attack by.....the A.L.F...(pro-vivisectionist Alan Parks, President of the Royal College of Surgeons speaking of A.L.F. attacks on vivisectionists at Downe, Kent in "Kentish Times". 8/10/81).

(xv) "...Police have asked for a preview of....'The Animals'...(which) contains scenes filmed by the A.L.F....who are under investigation by Scotland Yard...." (Daily Mirror. 29/10/81).

(xvi)"....The A.L.F. which has carried out covert operations throughout the country... which is prepared to take militant action to prevent animals being used in painful laboratory experiments....." (East Anglian Daily Times. 4/12/81).

What people say about the A.L.F.....(2)

(xvii) "...Little is known of the A.L.F....It began in the early 70's and was originally "The Band of Mercy"....involved in...direct action - setting fire to premises and sometimes kidnapping animals they feel are in danger."(Surrey Mirror.1/1/82)

(xviii)"...The Animal Liberation Front is a group dedicated to the abolition of all animal experimentation....."(Evening Post(Nottingham) 8/2/82).

(xix)"...Perhaps the A.L.F. is ahead of its time..."(The Leveller. Feb. 5-18. 1982).

(xx)"...The A.L.F...is a secret organisation organised into well-drilled 'cells'.The A.L.F. has organised raids on animal labs. and the homes of scientists.."(Star 17/2/82).

(xxi)"...Members may have been disturbed to notice the recent attacks by the A.L.F... The A.L.F.....have continued to achieve headlines for their activities - often unlawful..."(Research Defence Society newsletter. March 1982).

(xxii)"...(the) local organiser of...Animal Aid (speaking of an ALF attack on a fur shop)...told the Post "I am all for what they are doing ...."(Ilford Redbridge Post 11/3/81))

(xxiii)"...Margaret Manzoni(of the BUAV) said that the clandestine group, the A.L.F..... ...recently seized some dogs from laboratories....."(Goalville Times. 23/4/82).

(xxiv)"...The A.L.F. is a rather militant underground group, who naturally make themselves difficult to contact.....(the)'Stop Animals Suffering Group' said 'Although they are a well-known organisation they are also rather mysterious, often involved in risky work....."(Surrey Comet 1/5/82).

(xxv)"...The A.L.F., a secret organisation dedicated to rescuing animals from what they say are cruel scientific experiments....the A.L.F., the most extreme of...animal welfare groups.(Damage)is estimated to have cost $1,700,00 since the organisation was formed five years ago...."(The West Australian. 10/5/82).

(xxvi)"...The past few months have seen a steady increase in militant criminal activity by.....the A.L.F.....," (Laboratory Animal Science Association.Sept.82).

(xxvii)"..the storm troopers of the fanatical Animal Liberation Front, the secret army which has declared war on pet experiments....."(The Sun. 1/9/82).

(xxviii)"...The militant animal welfare group...the A.L.F...(which) is the only animal rights group committed to a policy of law-breaking.."(Sunday Times 5/9/82)

(xxix)"....The militant A.L.F. - the shadowy group behind the snatching or releasing of animals from...laboratories..."(Daily Mirror 16/9/82).

(xxx)"...The identity of those conducting experiments was not revealed for fear of being attacked by extremists of the anti-vivisection lobby - like the Animal Liberation Front...." (Evening Post Echo(Luton). 20/9/82).

(xxxi)"..I, for one, would not try to stop the activities of the ALF. In the circumstances, what other course of action can they take when after 100 years of peaceful campaigning, millions of animals are still suffering..."(Margaret Manzoni, Office Manager of the B.U.A.V. in 'letters', Peterborough Evening Telegraph. 29/9/82).

(xxxii)"...An efficient and militant task force who are prepared to break the law ...and freeing animals..."(Coventry Evening Telegraph. 21/10/82).

(xxxiii)"...The A.L.F. was formed by people frustrated by the ineffectiveness of the law and determined to free animals by direct action. Their rescue attempts have saved many animals already. They have raised public awareness of the amazing number of experiments carried out on live animals...."(Evening Post(Kent) 22/10/82).

(xxxiv)" ...the more committed A.L.F. whose members are unnamed and more daring in their exploits..."Western Daily Press. 27/10/82).

(xxxv)"...Direct action is the only way as the Government seem totally handicapped by deafness.The ALF are not the law breakers - it's the animal haters who are." (Doncaster Evening Post(Letters) 2/11/82).

(xxxvi)"...It is hardly surprising that the A.L.F. forces have come into being - they have been driven into this drastic action by constant Government refusal to do anything to help animals."(Manchester Evening News (Letters) 2/11/82).

What people say about the A.L.F.....(3).

(xxxvii)"...the shadowy underground army that calls itself the Animal Liberation Front, has promised more raids on animal laboratories....."(The Mail on Sunday.7/11/82).

(xxxviii)"....while others talkedand wept, the A.L.F. acted in an unprecedented direct action campaign - with nothing to be gained for its members, much to be lost....."(Hans Ruesch in 'Slaughter of the Innocents').

These quotes will hopefully be of interest - and perhaps even amusement - the A.L.F. is mentioned frequently and the above are just a very small number of the vast total.
What is important to notice, is how members of 'non direct action' organisations openly support the A.L.F. indicating the worrying situation of how the leadership of many organisations are completely out of touch with their membership. In just six years, the active membership of the A.L.F., its supporters, and the number of A.L.F. actions that have taken place show the growing support for direct action and that a growing number of people in the animal rights campaign are realising that direct action is the most important part of the campaign.
If one considers what has happened in just six years, it is not difficult to see what will be happening in say, 10 years. This is the purpose of the Animal Liberation Front(Supporters Group) - to give the much-needed help that A.L.F. activists require on occasions when liberating animals who Governments have ignored and traditional animal rights organisations have betrayed.

Government legislating against animal abuse by virtue of pressure by traditional methods - the dangerous myth exposed.

Despite over a century passing and countless millions of animals being tortured, abused, neglected, humiliated, mutilated and murdered and the number increasing with the experiments becoming more bizarre and painful with little sign of any genuine reduction, there are still people - unbelievable as it may sound - that believe Government will legislate against animal abuse through the 'pressure' (leafletting, letter-writing, peaceful demonstrations, etc;) that has clearly failed for the last 106 years, without direct action. This belief is in fact no better than the beliefs and ideologies of the animal abusers - it has led and is leading now, to the deaths of millions of animals. The proof that Government has no intention whatsoever of improving the plight of laboratory animals is great -one example being the Home Office Advisory Committee on Animal Experimentation formed only in 1980. The members ? :-

(a)SIX are LICENCE HOLDERS.(A licence to experiment on animals under the notorious 1876 Act).
(b)Of these six, two are members of the Research Defence Society . Another one is the ex-chairman, one has done 'work' involving electric shock experiments to animals, one has published books on cat experiments and two are employed by the Medical Research Council.
(c)The other members include an ex-member of the Research Defence Society advisory committee(and gave the 1979 guest lecture there), a vet(no details known), a surgeon, a lay member(no details known), a member of the RSPCA Animal Experimentation Department, and a legal man who has shown 'interest' in animal welfare.

Is it surprising that more and more people are supporting direct action ? Through the A.L.F., animal abuse will have to be ended through legislation because of the actions carried out. Failing this, animal abuse will cease as it will be a costly and highly dangerous exercise.

THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT - PUTTING RIGHT THE MISTAKES OF THE LAST 106 YEARS.
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Mink - Have they any rights ?

On the 22nd August 1982, two A.L.F. units raided mink farms in Canewdon, Southend, Essex (New World Mink Farm) and Perthshire (Dalchonzie Mink Farm).

Hundreds of mink were liberated and thereby escaped extremely cruel conditions and very painful death. This was followed by hysterical condemnations by farmers, and so-called animal rights organisation leaders. What was interesting was the depths of deceit, callousness and hypocrisy that some humans can sink to. Firstly, mink are now factory-farmed and are caged in tiny cramped conditions. Apart from the extremely cruel and painful deaths they suffer (electrocution, poisoning by strychnine or barbiturates, neck-breaking, cyanide and chloroform inhalation, etc;. One can only contemplate in total horror what mink suffer when there is a 'rush' for their coats and even these painful deaths become too time-consuming and costly) they also suffer from foot deformation, self-mutilation and neurotic behaviour whilst being 'bred'. Frequently they experience gene mutation to produce varying colour patterns to suit the 'wearer' of their own coats. This causes blindness, deafness, crippled limbs and deformed organs. To make just one mink fur coat, it requires 65 mink.

Following these raids, there were reports by the Press and Farming organisations which indicated the speakers/writers would be better suited writing science fiction and/or children's fables. The public were told of the mink returning - literally queueing up at the farm entrances - (If they believe that, they'll believe anything).

To no great surprise, the RSPCA condemned this action and one can only wonder at the mind of the RSPCA - a short time before they had made the following statements in their own magazine 'RSPCA today'(Summer 1982):-
"Largely due to EMOTIVE and SENSATIONALIST reporting, the feral mink (is) regarded ..as an especially bloodthirsty and undesirable predator Mink..switch to alternative prey..(they) exploit surpluses of different species as they occur... the level of predation...cannot objectively be regarded as excessive. In this respect, the mink is an unfortunate victime of 'scaremongering'. (With regard to farmers complaining about mink attack 'stock')...good husbandry can prevent most depredations of domestic stock by wild carnivores. The mink has clearly arrived here to stay... there is no reason why the remainder(perhaps the majority) should not welcome it as an attractive addition to our fauna.....".

A.L.F. Comment:- What must be remembered is that mink are fed on fish and meat in fur farms; so even in captivity, their survival depends on the deaths of other creatures. It is very surprising how farmers have suddenly become so concerned about wildlife after so many years of destroying it....

"Dr Nigel Dunstone, who runs Durham University's mink project, also critisised the National Farmer's Union and other groups for their EMOTIVE, ILL-RESEARCHED statements on Britain's feral mink population..." (Glasgow Herald, 25/8/82).

Alarmist reports of mink attacking even humans followed. In fact there are no instances of this happening except when a mink trapper has attempted to dispose of captive mink. Mink are established in every part of this country and there have been no signs of any effect on the populations of wild prey species. It is those who launch savage dishonest attacks on mink who are responsible for mink expansion in this country. Any experienced and knowledgeable ecologist will confirm Nature abhors any vacuum in wildlife - the totally irrational and illogical statements made against the A.L.F. actions take no account of scientific fact accumalated in the last 20 years.

If the farmers do not like A.L.F. actions to liberate mink, then the simple answer is to stop breeding them . The details above prove conclusively the A.L.F. action was RIGHT and critism of it is unfactual, emotive and deceitful. At this very moment there are hundreds of mink living in natural conditions - thanks to the A . L . F.

**** SUPPORT MINK LIBERATION ****

A.L.F. Supporters Group (1).

(i) As we have pointed out in the previous newsletters, there is a great need for good homes for animals rescued by the A.L.F. It is a matter of simple logic that the A.L.F. cannot continue rescuing animals if there is no home for them. If you think you can help, please write without delay saying what animal(s) and what number you could home. Even if you can home just one small animal - a mouse or rat etc;, it is one animal the A.L.F. will not have to worry about and use valuable time trying to find a home.
Some people may even wish to consider taking in large numbers of animals and beginning a sanctuary. If you are interested in this, please let the A.L.F. know - homes for large numbers are certainly needed. Financial help may possibly be given in some cases.
This is an excellent way, non-active supporters of the A.L.F. can be directly involved. There is nothing so satisfying as giving a home to an animal rescued from the clutches of sadistic murderers.
Write today if you can help !

(ii)Unfortunately we have to again remind those paying their £2 manually to send in their money. The very foundation of the A.L.F.(Supporters Group) is regular support. The majority of members pay by standing order and the majority of those who pay manually do so regularly and on the agreed date. However a few - fortunately only a few - do not do this so please please do as promised. It would not be an over-reaction to say that money promised and not sent in can lead to the deaths of innocent animals - if those activists arrested cannot pay their fines, they will not be able to continue liberation of animals.

(iii) "Operation Valentine" photo. collection is still available and after this newsletter, the offer will close. Three photos 9" x 7" (not 'photocopies') showing (i)the immense damage inside the Life Science Research Centre raided by the A.L.F. on 14/2/82. (ii)A.L.F. activists storming the centre (iii)A truly priceless picture of a rescued beagle with masked A.L.F. activist.
The collection is £7 and will be sent out with the next newsletter. This offer is ONLY available to ALF(SG) members.Please mark letters "Op.Val. Photo.Collection".

(iv)For those who did not receive it, the first ALF(Supporters Group) newsletter is still available . This included details about the A.L.F.'s beginning, how it operates, a diary of all ALF actions since January 1982. Also, a very detailed account of the Boots raid on 19/6/82 and details of why direct action is wholly necessary.. Please send something to cover at least the printing & postage costs (30p).For those who didn't receive newsletter (2), this is similarly available.

(v)Members may be interested in the excellent booklet "Animals" (pocketbook series). It covers all subjects of animal abuse with accompanying pictures which can be easily read by someone unaware of the scale and horror of animal abuse. It only costs .50p (post paid) and is available from:-
Spectacular Times, Box 99, Freedom Press, 84B Whitechapel High St., London, E.1. 7.Q.X.

(vi) Please remember to write to the National/local press when an ALF action occurs to counteract any possible anti-ALF letters written by animal abusers. This is very important !

(vii)Members are again reminded that their financial support is of immeasurable help to activists and also makes money sent in for any purpose (Which would normally perhaps be allocated to a defence fund) put towards direct action. So ALF(SG) members are directly assisting A.L.F. activists and indirectly sponsoring direct action.

*** DIRECT SUPPORT FOR DIRECT ACTION ***

(viii)A.L.F.(S.G) members are also reminded that Hans Ruesch (author of "Slaughter of the Innocents" which was a masterpiece for the anti-vivisection campaign) has now written another book on the drug industry entitled 'the naked empress' - this is high-quality hardback and £7 . Available from Women's Ecology Group, 18 Annandale Road, Greenwich, London, SE10 ODA. Phone. (01) 858 0644. This book really exposes the vicious,sinister and cruel side of the vivisection/drug industry.

(ix) As stated in the 2nd(December 31st 1982) newsletter, membership cards will be issued to all ALF(SG) members. The cards will be numbered and those members paying by cheque or postal order can endorse the reverse with their number rather than enclose an accompanying letter. It is obviously important in these cases to state the number very clearly.

The issue of membership cards will occur in two stages - with the newsletters issued on (i)30th April and (ii)30th June. Please check your envelope very carefully and very thoroughly before discarding. If no card is enclosed with the April newsletter, it will be sent with the next one.

(x) The Animal Liberation Front Supporter Group postcards are still available. The high quality postcard shows the ALF actions at (i)London School of Hygeine (July 1982), (ii)Southend Mink farm (August 1982) (iii)Safepharm laboratories (February 7th 1982) (iv)Life Science Animal Death Centre, Essex (14th February 1982).

These postcards are only 10p each or 10 for 75p.(Please enclose stamp - thanks). You can now write to your M.P., Animal abuser or Animal abuse supporter showing exactly where YOUR support lies !

Surely not an opportunity to be missed !!! The postcard is shown below:-

Just think of all the people you can now write to .....



A.L.F. (Supporters). (3).

(xi) **Enemy of the Animals:-** There cannot really be a more vile trade than abusing animals - in whatever form it takes. Opinions obviously differ with regard to which is the very worst. One candidate which takes a very high place in the running for this must surely be the breeding of animals specifically for torture, humiliation, and murder in vivisection laboratories. This type of breeding - and the mind of the people that do it is beyond most people's comprehension, but the fact remains that people like this do (unfortunately) exist. One such person is:-

Dr Lane-Petter, of The Old Union, Old Church Lane, Colne, Huntingdon.

This thoroughly nasty piece of work has bred many many animals for experimentation - quite happily sending them off to laboratories where they suffer, are tortured and die in agony. Totally helpless without any ability to protest. Lane-Petter has obtained a great deal of money from this "trade" - so much in fact, he has had international connections with the laboratory animal breeding trade. He has also achieved some "white-washing" of vivisection and if animals have an enemy, then Lane-Petter is it.

As stated in ALF(SG) newsletter 2(December 31st 1982), telephone numbers are not given but SG members should have no difficulty in obtaining it.

Why not let him know what **YOU** think - NOW ?

(xii) Correction:- In the 2nd newsletter under (xvii) of diary events, it was stated 25 guinea pigs were rescued from Ashley Heath (Hampshire) laboratory animal breeding farm. In fact the number was 125.

(xiii) The second ALF(SG) newsletter is available to those who missed it. Please send at least 30p to cover the extra printing/postage costs in producing and sending it. Thanks. If you did miss it and order it now - you certainly won't regret it.

(xiv) The Animal Liberation Front (Supporters Group) is now international - members in Canada, France, etc;. This is a good illustration of how widespread support for for the A.L.F. is. A.L.F.-type groups now exist and are active in other countries.

(xv)Apologies for what may seem to be a delay in responding to membership applications and correspondence etc;, but as all post goes via Box 190 and the ALF, it does unfortunately take a minimum of 3-4 weeks before this can be dealt with.

(xvi)In the next(April 30th) newsletter -no.4 - photos(not 'photocopies') of the raid on the New World mink farm, Canewdon, Southend on 22nd August 1982 will be available. There will be three 9" x 7" photographs of masked A.L.F. activists raiding the farm and liberating the mink being bred there for painful slaughter for their coats.

(xvi) The minutes of the Meeting of the Huntingdon Research Centre Staff on 28th October 1982 (The HRC suffered extensive damage at the demonstration held there on 31st August 1982)shows the concern of the vivisectors at the increasing campaign against them (Quote....)"Mr Stiles thought...someone on site could be...a 'welfare officer' to counsel people who had been approached (by anti-vivisectionists). Mr Verrall said that there was increasing concern that violent attacks could be made both to people and property. Mr West agreed this might be a problem soon..... Mr Stiles brought up the matter of insurance, as most policies, disallowed claims for damage or injury through civil riots. Management agreed (to) look...into the question of insurance rights should the eventuality occur....."

*** In view of the present direct action campaign, members might wonder whether "should the eventuality occur" would be nearer the truth if stated as "when the event does occur".....

(xviii) Due to the increase in A.L.F. actions, good vehicles are a total necessity. In the three ALF actions detailed to date (Boots, Leicester Psychology Dept., and South Western Chickens) more than one vehicle had to be used each time.

If anyone is therefore trading in their old car for a new one (and the full value is rarely obtained in these cases), they may wish to consider giving their car to the A.L.F. who will put it to VERY GOOD use !

(xix)Following on from (xviii), there is a very urgent need for experienced car mechanics - most A.L.F. activists - as do most drivers - have a fairly good working knowledge of car maintenance, but experienced car mechanics are needed to service and repair vehicles used by the A.L.F. - as most people will no doubt appreciate - vehicles used by the A.L.F. are usually driven a great deal along roads (i.e. farm tracks) which do inflict damage and invariably, A.L.F. vehicles are driven at very high speeds a great deal of the time (!) which frequently causes problems.

If you are an experienced car/van mechanic and can occasionally spend time checking, repairing and correcting faults in vehicles, then please let the A.L.F. know - please remember to give your telephone number. Any offers will then be filed and if the need arises, the A.L.F. will contact you. Any offers of help will be greatly appreciated and a few hours - perhaps less - occasionally may make possible an A.L.F. liberation.

(xx)It is considered very important that A.L.F. supporters do write to the newspapers when an A.L.F. action occurs - this is VERY important - especially to counteract any animal abuser writing in to condemn the A.L.F. Please do write - A.L.F. activists cannot do this for security reasons - npr can the animals - it is really is up to A.L.F. Supporters.

(xxi)The Animal Protection Association (1 Claremont, Newlaithes Road, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 4LG - telephone (0532) 584091) does a great deal of fund raising and the funds raised in 1983 will be distributed to various animal rights organisations - <u>including</u> the A.L.F. They have various very high quality goods for sale and ALF(SG) members may wish to request their sale goods literature and buy the items they sell rather than elsewhere. Buying from the A.P.A. will help the animals - money paid to the A.P.A. will benefit the animals that are completely helpless against the animal abuser and money given to the ALF from the APA will go DIRECTLY and WHOLLY to the animals. No offices, no staff, no glossy literature, just ***ANIMAL LIBERATION ***

(xxii) Members may wish to enquire at their local Animal Rights meetings whether the branch would like to consider sending a group subscription - newsletters will keep them 'in touch' with direct action events and they will therefore find it very worthwhile to join - why not mention it at your next group/branch meeting ? ALF(SG) application forms are available on request.

D I R E C T S U P P O R T F O R D I R E C T A C T I O N.

The A.L.F raid on South Western Chicks (Warren Ltd.) on 21/11/82.

ALF(SG) members will have read of the ALF raid as briefly outlined in the last newsletter - Diary (xxv). This is the full account by one of the A.L.F. activists in the raid.....

".....Our target was a small battery farm consisting of three units. We decided to raid this farm as (i)we considered it would be successful - it was not overlooked by houses and its position would allow us to raid it, rescue chickens and escape in the night without attracting unwanted attention. (ii)When we initially looked at it, its outside appearence suggested that the condition of the chickens inside would be worse than usual. The RSPCA had been notified of the conditions inside the farm and how the chickens were suffering but despite exhaustive attempts to get an inspection made, nothing had happened.

Our unit usually makes two or three night visits before an actual raid and on the second visit, we noticed that one of the houses was about to be re-stocked and we agreed that we could not only rescue chickens but inflict damage on the property also

At 12.45am our team arrived at a pre-arranged meeting place about half a mile ffom the farm - two of us in a car and the remainder of the unit (three) in a minibus. After checking that each of us knew what our duties were, we left at 12.55am. After a short drive, we arrived at the outer perimeter of the farm and left the vehicles using the cover of hedges and shrubbery. The two vehicles left leaving three of the unit to proceed with the raid. We had arranged for the vehicles to return and collect us (and the liberated chickens) at exactly 1.25am.

We put on our gloves, balaclavas and we tied handkerchiefs over our mouth and nose as from previous experience, the smell in battery farms is quite unbearable. We picked up our 'tools' for the raid ; - boltcutters, sacks, hammers and paint spray cans. We then went around the edge of the farm and walked up the farm drive towards the battery units. The whole area was very quiet and very dark - we were using torches taped over which allowed a pin-prick of light to show. Two of us half-way along the path continued on leaving one to observe the surrounding area and warn us of anyone coming.

We used our boltcutters to remove all the padlocks on the three battery houses and we saw that two were unoccupied and becoming derelict although the one we were planning to raid was more than fully 'stocked'. Agreeing that there was no purpose in damaging the empty houses either side of the full one, we entered the middle one which had the chickens in. Immediately, albeit our faces were covered, we were hit by the terrible stench which really was almost unbearable. The conditions were beyond belief, there were chickens twitching on the floor where they had somehow got out of their cages and had therefore not eaten - the farmer had obvicusly not bothered to replace them. We looked in the battery food bin and to our total disgust, there were the rotting remains of two hens covered with maggots. We then approached the cages and quickly saw they were very 'overstocked' - each cage had 11 hens in and despite only a very quick look, we saw one cage with 12 hens in - including one that had recently died and one decomposing - the one decomposing had been dead so long, it was rotting through the wire floor. The cages were only about fo rty inches long. All the hens we saw were bald with bent-over claws and in a very very bad state indeed. All cages had more hens in than is allowed.

We opened the first two cages and took out twelve hens and gently placed them in the sacks we had with us. Suddenly there was a loud rattling cranking noise and we both turned round fully expecting to see either the farmer or the police (or both) at the door. To our total relief, it was only the antiquated ventilator system. We then very quickly damaged some of the farm packing equipment and left the unit looking back at the many many hens in there deeply regretting we could not rescue any more.

We went back up the farm drive, met the look-out and went back to the outer perimeter. It was now exactly 1.23am. After just having time to breathe a much-needed sigh of relief, the two vehicles slowly came up the road and stopped with motors still running. We got into the minibus and drove off quickly. After a few miles we lifted the hens out of the sacks and placed them into boxes brought along for them. We then left the minibus with just the driver and one member to watch over the hens and drove home. All hens were taken to good homes that same morning where they are now in good health and enjoying life with their fellows in complete freedom and will live out their natural lives.

Diary of A.L.F. actions.

(i)13/11/82. Two vehicles owned by firm supplying factory farm 'food' damaged by A.L.F. activists. (Daylay Battery Eggs, Essex). **

(ii)November 1982. Animal Freedom Fighters (Australia's A.L.F.) liberate three dogs from Penrith Dog Pound which supplies dogs for experimentation at Sydney University. The dogs - two labradors crosses and a fox terrier now in good homes. **

(iii)13/12/82. Animal Freedom Fighters(see (ii) above) damage six fur shops in Sydney, Australia.

(iv)19/12/82. ALF activists damage Leather shop, Butchers shop, Boots(the Chemist) and Express dairy plant in Morden Surrey.

(v)19/12/82. ALF activists damage Leather shop, Fur & leather shop and Butchers shop in Wimbledon Surrey.

(vi)20/12/82. ALF activists smash windows of fur shops in Beauchamp St., (two) and Sloane St. London.

(vii)21/12/82. Two properties owned by Boots the Chemist in Wimbledon, London, severely damaged by A.L.F. Also Fishing shop in Wimbledon.

(viii)21/12/82. A unit of ten A.L.F. activists raid Gravel Hill Nurseries in Wimborne Dorset and rescue twenty-one rabbits. Rabbits at this establishment are bred for meat, and vivisection. Rabbits kept in battery-type wire cages with no bedding and in very poor conditions. All rescued rabbits are now well and in good homes.

(ix)21/12/82. ALF unit smash window of Butchers in High St., Tanworth-in-Arden, Solihull. This butcher (E.Simmonds) slaughters animals in the rear of his shop.

(x)25/12/82. International A.L.F. raid Howard University Medical School, Washington, and rescue 36 cats. All cats in this establishment are for vivisection. Over £1000 damage also done.

(xi)28/12/82. International A.L.F. rescue dog from vivisection lab. at Naval Medical Research Institure, Wisconsin Ave, Washington, U.S.A. Now in good home.

(xii)29/12/82. American direct Action animal rights group "Urban Gorillas" rescue a cat and two kittens from a University of California lab. This lab."specialises" in electric shock experiments.

(xiii)2/1/83. Very extensive damage done by A.L.F. activists at Hinton Products Ltd., Nr Bath, Avon. Press estimate:- "About £3000 worth of damage". This firm is a poultry slaughterhouse - this was the second raid in less than three months.

(xiv)4/1/83. A.L.F. unit raid Laundry Farm, Barton Rd., Cambridge which supplies animals to various vivisection laboratories. Six dogs rescued who were obviously stolen pets. Action received national publicity. Raid was successful due to the use of radio transreceivers by which members of the unit communicated with each other.

(xv)A.L.F. activists damage Yeo brothers, Bexley, Kent fur dealers. 5/1/83.

(xvi)5/1/83. Fur shop(Epsom,Surrey), Fur shop(Wimbledon,London) Boots the Chemist (Wimbledon,London)and Butchers shop(Morden,Surrey) have windows smashed.

(xvii)For last two months, a woman who reported an animal rights worker who homed ALF liberated animals to the police has been attacked by A.L.F. This is continuing and serves as a warning to those who interfere with the work of the A.L.F. and cause suffering to animals. (East Anglia).

(xviii)January 1983. A midlands factory farm raided and twelve chickens liberated. To date the owner has not realised he has been raided and hopefully, the A.L.F. will make a return visit - in view of this, no details can be made available for the time-being.

Diary of A.L.F. actions - continued.

(xix)6/1/83. ALF activists smash window of Harrow furshop.

(xx)9/1/83. Two fur shops in N.W.8. (London) and Hudson Bay Fur Co. (London) extensively damaged by A.L.F.

(xxi)10/1/83. Fur shop and three butchers shops, Morden, Surrey, are spray painted with A.L.F. anti-cruelty slogans. One butchers shop (Morden, Surrey) has window smashed.

(xxii)8/1/83. A.L.F. do "over £2000 worth of damage"(Press) to three butchers shops and Boots the Chemist in Sidcup Kent.

(xxiii)12/1/83. Epsom(Surrey) Fur shop extensively damaged by A.L.F.

(xxiv)7/1/83. Biorex laboratories(Islington, London) raided by A.L.F. unit - extensive damage done. Animal tests by Biorex include chemical and biological experimentation.

(xxv)Continental Furs shop in Bristol damaged by A.L.F. 15/1/83.

(xxvi)15/1/83. Several West End(London) Furshops have windows smashed by A.L.F.

(xxvii)21/1/83. Vehicles belonging to Badsworth Hunt(Yorkshire) damaged by A.L.F.

(xxviii)21/1/83. Boots the chemist(Hill Rd., Wimbledon) damaged by A.L.F.("over £600 damage" per Press).

(xxix) 23/1/83. Wimbledon, London. Three fur/leather shops damaged, butchers shop and fishing tackle shop also damaged by A.L.F.

***** Two people have been arrested with connection to (xxix) - donations for costs urgently needed - "A.L.F. General Fund".

(xxx)25/1/83. "Over £12,000 worth of damage"(Per Press) caused to L & P Ostang poultry packers, Ramsden Bellhouse, Essex. This firm is an intensive battery farm.

(xxxi)30/1/83. Two employees of Wellcome Animal Torture laboratories(Beckenham, Kent) have their property damaged by A.L.F. in night attack. One was a "scientist" who is involved in experimentation with monkeys and the other is a "vet" who has caused agony to dogs with toxicity (LD50) testing.

Items (i) & (ii) were late reports and were not included in Newsletter (2) - December 30th which covered ALF actions September 1982 to mid December 1982.

Please remember the two people arrested in connection with (xxix) - financial help is urgently needed. Thank you.

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT - DIRECT SUPPORT FOR DIRECT ACTION.....

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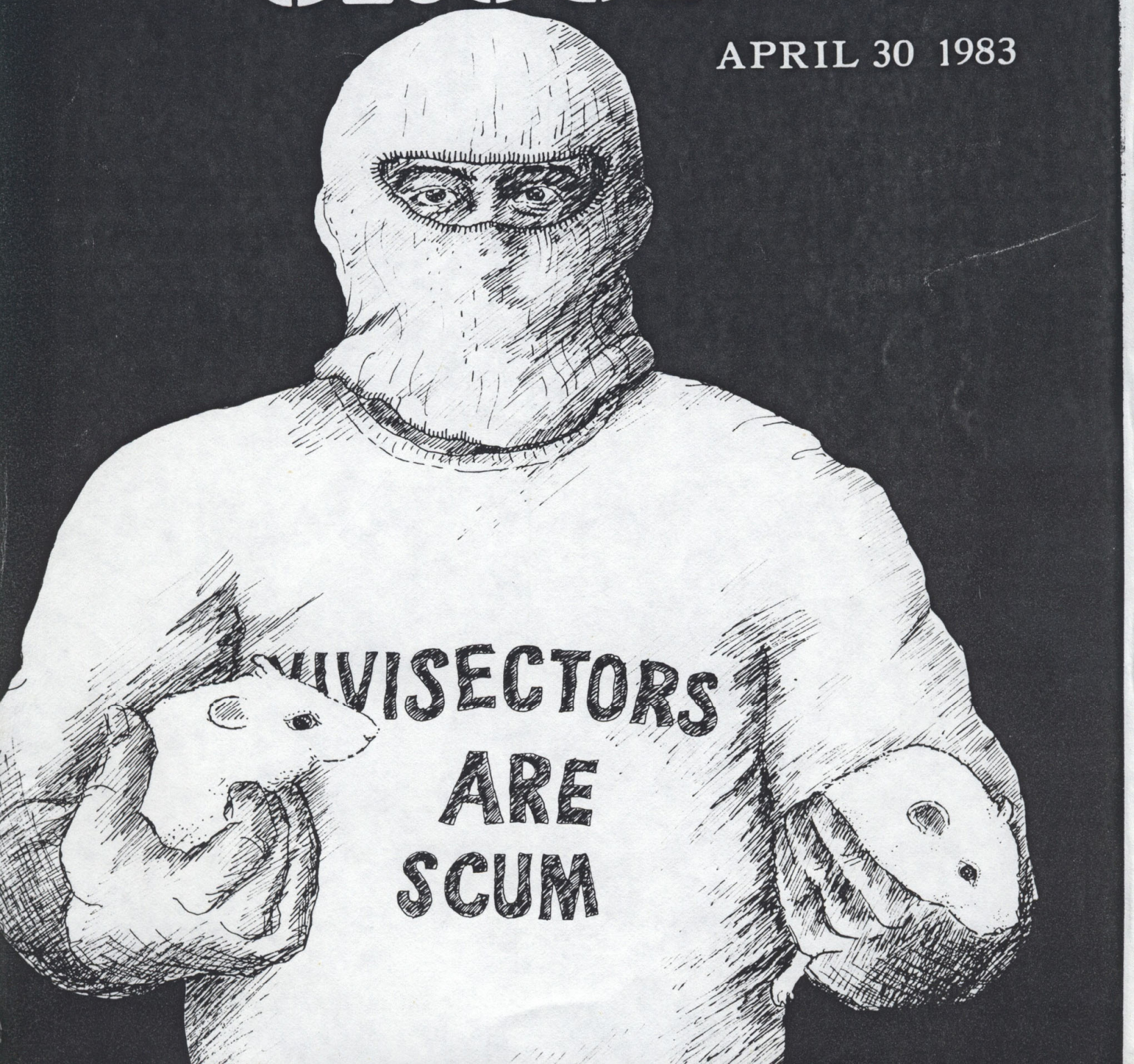


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The A.L.F. - its place in the Animal Rights Campaign.

Various questions are raised occasionally about what the A.L.F. thinks of other Animal Rights organisations and members of those organisations who do not participate in direct action.

Firstly, it must be said that the A.L.F. sincerely hopes all other organisations will support direct action and encourage members to take direct action themselves. The A.L.F. has never - and does not now - condemn individuals who do not take direct action. It does however condemn organisations that critisise A.L.F. actions. The fact that passive action - leafletting, letter-writing, etc; has done nothing to help the animals is not a debateable point - it is a FACT - the very fact of experiments increasing from mere hundreds a year in the 1870's to millions in the 1980's proves this - the experiments also becoming more crude, obscene and bizarre. It is felt that the vital 'spark' that was so badly needed to ignite the flame of the campaign was brought about through the A.L.F. beginning its radical direct action campaign. From 1976 when the A.L.F. was just a small handful of dedicated activists travelling about the country rescuing/liberating animals and destroying animal abuse property, it is now a world-wide concept. The day the A.L.F. began its campaign was the day of animal abuse ending becoming a reality.

So how does the A.L.F. see other Animal Rights Campaigners ? - As a necessary and important part of the campaign. It has been made clear time and time again that each group - and each person - has its/his/her role to play. The Animal Liberation Front is not so much an organisation, but a state of mind. There are those people who prefer to home liberated animals rather than liberate them - without these people, liberation would be a very difficult task indeed. The A.L.F. needs those people who do intelligence work - especially those who take employment in animal abuse establishments - the A.L.F. needs money to send out groups to rescue the animals, damage the animal abuse property, to send the rescued animals to safe homes, to give them the medical treatment they sometimes requires. It needs the money to pay the costs of activists arrested.

Because of this, the A.L.F. believes each person has their particular part in the campaign and the most positive way of helping the animals is to help the A.L.F. Members of the A.L.F. (Supporters Group) - and some may not realise this - are changing history. The A.L.F. is NOT interested in lobbying politicians - if Government chooses to legislate against animal abuse - so be it - and this will be welcomed - but whatever Government does do and does not do, the A.L.F. intends - AND WILL - end animal abuse. - Government intervention or not.

All people that help the A.L.F. - in whatever way - are part of the campaign that will see all forms of animal abuse totally eradicated from our society. Possibly traditional methods may end animal abuse in 1990 or 2000 (or later) but this is of little help to the animals being abused, tortured, mutilated and murdered in agony NOW - it is these animals the A.L.F. seeks to help and DOES help and will continue to help. It cannot be emphasised too much how important foster and permanent homes are needed, how information is vital for actions to be successful and how money effects the liberation and caring of animals. Due to the success of the A.L.F., animal rights campaigners in many other countries are fighting the same battle with the same methods - therefore supporters of the A.L.F. are helping animals all over the world and not in this country alone. The A.L.F. does ask its supporters to challenge other animal rights groups they may belong to, if the leaders condemn the A.L.F. and what it does. Helping the A.L.F. and being a member of the A.L.F. (Supporters Group) is not so much a sign of solidarity with the A.L.F. - IT IS A SIGN OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE ANIMALS . Animals suffering NOW have no idea there are humans that are concerned about their suffering but through the A.L.F. it can be shown abusing animals will NOT be tolerated and those who indulge in animal abuse now know there IS a force to be reckoned with. Members of the A.L.F.(Supporters Group) are already showing they are a vital and valuable part of the Animal Liberation Front . Anyone who feels they are able to help the A.L.F. in giving a home (or homes) to liberated animals, doing intelligence work and/or fund raising (say, for a specific defence fund) can write to the A.L.F. who will be very pleased to hear from them. If you do not hear for some time, do not worry as the details will be placed on file and you will be contacted when a situation arises that will need your help.

*** The Animal Liberation Front needs YOU ***

Why I support the Animal Liberation Front - by an A.L.F, (S.G) member.

"..... I support the A.L.F., simply because I have to - to me, it is a necessity and obligation. I do not feel I can involve myself in direct action, but I have always identified with the A.L.F. and its activities and shared its objectives. I am sure I share their happiness when a successful action takes place.

I do not consider myself 'extreme' at all - I am a member of NAVS and Animal Aid and I run a local group of the Vegetarian Society. I believe what the A.L.F. do are a vital part of the animal rights campaign and direct action is now a total necessary part of the battle - a battle I firmly believe we will win. In my view, the campaign would grind to a halt without direct action, also that it will increase and that direct action has become a fundamental part of the struggle to end all forms of animal abuse. What the A.L.F. endeavours to obtain for the animals is not a privilege but a right - a lawful entitlement. Because the Law states animal abuse can exist, does not make it right and I get very angry when I hear of people or organisations condemning the A.L.F. saying they are wrong because their actions are " illegal " . It was not so long ago when the selling of children was legal in this country - also slavery. Just because the Law stated these horrors were 'legal' - did it make them right - of course not. Fortunately, due to public pressure, the selling of children, child labour, slavery etc; were all outlawed, but the campaign cannot be successful due to public pressure in the same way (i)the abuse of animals is carried out mainly behind 'closed doors' (ii)Animal abusers have tremendous financial backing - the animal rights campaign does NOT have this. (iii)Our society is still orientated to consider animals as 2nd class subjects - or of no value at all (iv)The politicians who could outlaw animal abuse are selfish corrupt individuals - many of whom have financial interest in animal abuse (i.e. vivisection - the drug industry).

I firmly believe animal abuse MUST be sabotaged to make it too costly (and dangerous) to continue. I obviously do hope that Government will intervene but whether it does or not is immaterial as the A.L.F. will achieve what I want - all animal abuse ended. The A.L.F. will undoubtably force the issue. I know so many people who have been in animal rights for some 30-40 years and they all express deep regret that the A.L.F. did not exist before 1976.

It is my deepest wish that the A.L.F. will get stronger and more actions will take place. No one seeing the pictures of A.L.F. activists raiding animal torture establishments and carrying animals out can failed to be moved. I hope - and know - my membership of the A.L.F.(Supporters Group) will help the activists - and the animals they liberate and I was delighted when I first learned such a group had been started. I did indeed look at the leaflet/application form in disbelief at first - £24 a year ?. But when I realised this was just over 6p a day, I know this was a situation that would separate the "once-a year conscience payers" and those who think about the animals every day. Fortunately I can afford £2 a month, but even if I couldn't, I would willingly go without 2 slices of bread a day to help the A.L.F. - it's not too much to ask for the animals.

At least the animal abusers are being given a choice - stop abusing animals or be raided - the animals they torture aren't given ANY choice.

I wish the brave members of the A.L.F. - the activists, those who give homes to the animals they liberate and those who support them financially; every possible success. I have myself given a home to five liberated rats - intelligent, sentient, sensitive and affectionate - despite the horrors they were subjected to at the hands of madmen only a short time ago. Everytime I feed them I think of those very brave people who risked so much to rescue them - I wish them well in all that they do and I trust that they will taste only increasing success....."

B.D.(South).

The mind of the animal abuser - who could understand it ?

The term 'animal abuse' and the ending of abuse - liberation - is understood by different people to mean different things. In the view of the A.L.F., it is perhaps illustrated best by the cartoon of the cat questioned as to the meaning of "animal liberation". The cat replies sharply :- "Animal Liberation ? - It means set us free and leave us alone."

Animal abuse takes many forms - some obviously highly sinister and quite obviously evil, whilst others take on a more innocent appearence and it is these that will take many years to eradicate. However, it is the sincere belief of many - and the present situation would seem to confirm this belief as correct - that many forms of animal abuse - and the worst kinds of animal abuse will be ended in our own lifetimes. One can speculate with some optimism what the next ten years will bring forth in view of what has been achieved in just seven years.

A great number of people can be educated to understand what animal abuse means and why it is wrong - however, there are many that enjoy animal abuse to whom 'education' would be a worthless exercise. They can only be prevented from indulging in their very sick pastimes by prevention and not by 'education'. The ever-increasing campaign of direct action against such people and their property has shown them very clearly that their behaviour will not be tolerated or be allowed to continue. This type of person has no respect for rules, conventions or legal obligations and this is fully demonstrated by the number of cruelties they indulge in without any prosecution following. Not only does the Law allow terrible cruelty but fails to act when even its own very vague and faulty guidelines are ignored. One can easily see the Law is ineffectual when the low number of prosecutions for animal abuse are compared with the very high number of occasions when animal activists are arrested and prosecuted. It is not the Law enforcers who are wrong - it is the Law itself. The Law which allows, condones and in many cases encourages the tormenting, torturing, mutilating and the murdering of millions of animals every year in this country alone.

It does not require a great deal of study nor examination to realise that it will require much more than passive pressure to change the law. No political party which has the remotest chance of being elected to Government has shown any sincere or genuine desire to legislate against all forms of animal abuse. If one flies into the realms of pure fantasy and considers a Government of caring people will one day exist - what chance of animal abuse being abolished with economic, social and international unrest ? The A.L.F. seeks - and is succeeding in - disrupt , to delay, to prevent and finally stop all animal abuse and if any Government chooses to 'step in' and legislate against animal abuse - then so be it - and obviously it will be welcomed - but the A.L.F. campaign is not dependent upon Government intervention in the matter.

The animal abuser is a highly dangerous individual - as said on many occasions and without doubt it is true - "If they could do it to humans and get away with it, then they'd do it". Most tyrants and those who have shown a total disregard and utter contempt for human life have also shown it to animal life also. And yet these 'people' are allowed to continue their employment, pastimes or interests which cause the suffering of so many animals every day - without any sign whatsoever of pressure from Government to stop them.

How does the animal abuser think ? This is virtually impossible to understand - e.g. the use of beagles in vivisection is due to the fact that they are so very trusting and docile - far more than other breeds - they will endure great pain without attacking their torturer(s). Hence the large number of beagles tortured to death in vivisection laboratories every day. How exactly does this very sick mentality differ from the person who hurts a child or aged person "because they can't fight back" ?. Breeding animals for meat simply arises through man's laziness to use the earth properly - vivisection exists through man's idea that is it quite in order for another to suffer that he can enjoy good health and live comfortably. It is an interesting study to examine where certain forms of animal abuse arise from. If vivisection is taken for an example, this is traced back to Claude Bernard,(1813 - 1878), a failed medical student, who built his own vivisection laboratory in his own home, vivisected his own children's pets, took the animals he had experimented on to his bedroom each night so he could watch their sufferings, cremated them alive in a specially-built crematoria where he could watch the expressions of their faces as they were cremated alive, and to no great surprise, all 'findings' through his experimentation have been found false at a later date.

The mind of the animal abuser - who could understand it ? (Continued).

Even the associates of Bernard condemned him although many vivisectors in his time right up to this time, revere him. Dr George Hoggan, the English Physiologist reported his findings when visiting Bernard's laboratory:-

> "A small mongrel dog, whose hind quarters were paralysed as a result of an operation, had been removed from the operating table and left on the floor. He started dragging himself painfully toward a retriever that had been blinded a few days earlier for another experiment and was kept under observation. Its eyes had begun to putrefy. The blind dog managed to pick itself up, tottered toward the half-paralysed mongrel and wagged its tail. Nobody else in that laboratory seemed to notice the scene. (This) pathetic gesture of mutual sympathy put the human race to shame....."

And yet when 'human beings' who carry out these types of actions are attacked by the A.L.F., there are hysterical outbursts - usually the loudest from the traditional animal rights organisations saying they are simply 'misguided' or 'genuine people who need to be educated' or 'they have their priorities 'a little mixed up''. The average vivisector suffers from megalomania and most certainly a very deep form of schizophrenia in that he/she can 'switch off' when finishing the days' "work". Overall, the general anti-social and mentally unstable behaviour would indicate a form of psychopathy also. The 'darker side' of man's personality which psychologists frequently refer to is painfully obvious with a person such as a vivisector.

Carl Gustav Jung, one of the greatest, if not the greatest student of man's mind and behaviour stated:- "With physiology....I found the subject thoroughly repellent because of vivisection, which was practised merely for purposes of demonstrations..... the demonstration of such experiments nevertheless seemed to me horrible, barbarous, and above all unnecessary. My compassion....rested...on an unconcious identity with animals.
It is (painfully) obvious that no sane person torments animals and Jung, clearly states it is contrary to normal or civilised behaviour. If vivisection existed on the scale it does now, in his day, it would be highly likely he would have written at length about those who indulge in this "barbarous" practise.

It would therefore seem more appropriate if the accusations of "mindless vandalism and vicious damage" that the A.L.F. is occasionally accused of effecting, was directed towards those who torture and murder animals who cannot fight back, speak up for themselves, defend themselves and at this moment, have little or no rights.

Returning to the vivisector as an example, he/she sees nothing wrong in stealing animals and murdering them - they see nothing wrong with stealing from the state in charging exorbitant amounts of money for yet more drugs costing only a fraction of the sale price in production. They see nothing wrong with producing drugs - virtually identical with drugs already available and knowing they are dangerous as they well know animal-testing is not a reliable way of determining whether they are safe - the countless number of people who have died or nearly died using their products proves this conclusively.

There can be no 'meeting point' or compromise with such people - there is simply nothing to discuss. The only thing an animal abuser should listen to is the warning - which becomes louder and more clearer every day - the days of abusing animals are now numbered - the time that they have to continue abusing animals is running out and it is through A.L.F. direct action this message is delivered.

The A.L.F. has always - does now - and will always make sure the message of animal liberation is heard by animal abusers and will not hesitate to use illegal direct action to rescue and liberate animals at the mercy of animal abusers and to continue the ever-growing campaign against animal abusers. The A.L.F. is confident that its campaign will achieve the desired result unlike vivisector Bernard who stated on his death bed to fellow vivisectors around him "Our hands are empty and only our mouths are full of promises".

*** ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT - THE GUARANTEE OF ANIMAL LIBERATION ***

The Animal Liberation Front - British Eccentricity ?

The view of some people towards the A.L.F. is that it represents the ultimate of "British eccentric animal lovers". This is totally false :-
(i)The A.L.F. is an animal rights organisation.
(ii)Britain is simply NOT a "nation of animal lovers".
(iii)The A.L.F. is NOT confined to the British Isles.

Members of the ALF(SG) will no doubt be delighted to learn that animals in many countries all over the world have the benefit of organisations like the A.L.F.

(i)August 8th.1977. (Hillsdale, New Jersey, USA). Neighbours of vivisector advised of his "work".
(ii)March 14th.1979. (New York University Medical Centre, New York, USA). A.L.F. rescue five laboratory animals .
(iii)June 10th.1980. (Reboult Kennels, Pourrain, France). Large number of dogs destined for vivisection laboratories rescued.
(iv)August.6th.(University of Lyons, France) Four dogs due to have paws amputated for carbon experiments liberated.
(v)5th December 1980. (University of South Florida, USA). International A.L.F. liberate 40 gerbils and 32 rats from laboratory.
(vi)1980. The Dierenbevrijdings Front(Dutch equivalent of A.L.F.) rescues 12 beagles from laboratory, liberate 200 mink and three foxes from fur farms, liberate 4000 pheasants (about to be sent o shooting syndicates), rescue 21 cats from vivisection dealer, plus numerous other instances where animals were liberated (ponies, sheep, factory farm hens).
(vii)Toronto, Canada (International A.L.F.).
April 12th.1981. Butchers shop damaged
April 25th.1981. Chicken store vehicle damaged, fur shop damaged.
May 4th.1981. Laboratory dealer vehicles damaged
May 12th.1981. Poultry Farmer vehicles immobilised.
May 23rd.1981. Temple sponsoring circus suffers extensive damage.
(viii). Florida, USA.
January.27th.1981. Hunting shops, circus property, greyhound track damaged.
January 29th.1981. Circus property damaged.
(ix). Montreal, Canada.
May 15th.1981. Laboratory property and three fur shops damaged.
May 16th.1981. Shop selling live animals for food damaged.
(x)Toronto.(Canada). June 1981. Cat , rabbits, rat and guinea pig rescued from a hospital laboratory by International A.L.F. The cat was badly mutilated.
(xi)October 1981. (Amherst, USA). 2 rabbits rescued from vivisector by International A.L.F.
(xii)April.1982.(University of Maryland, USA) 42 laboratory rabbits rescued by Band of Mercy.
(xiii)April 1982. (Syndey, Australia). Animal Freedom Fighters damage fur shops and comestic businesses. This group continued through 1982 attacking establishments involved in animal abuse
(xiv)September 1982. Hans Ruesch, author of 'Slaughter of the Innocents' reports A.L.F. activity in Switzerland.
(xv)October 1st.1982.(Pennsylvania, USA). Animal Auction property damaged by International A.L.F.
(xvi)November 6th.1982.(Toronto, Canada) Seven fur shops damaged.

> "The Animal Liberation Front describe themselves as "Not so much an organisation, more a state of anger and frustration....".
> Their attitude and tactics have now spread to France, Holland, Canada, and the U.S.A. Agree with them or not, they are forcing the pace of change....."('The Face' October 1982).

(xvii)December 1982. (Penrith, St.Marys, Australia). Animal Freedom Fighters(AFF) rescue three dogs(fox terrier & two labradors) from Penrith Dog Pound. These dogs were due to be sent to Sydney University for experimentation. All three dogs now in good homes. This was reported widely in Australian Press.

**** SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL LIBERATION ****

Defence Campaigns - Do they work ?

This year has seen the growth of direct action to a scale which only last year would have seemed a wild dream. Raids, sit-ins, mass trepass,damage to animal abuse property etc; are now a weekly occurrence and the result of all this activity has been a great deal of media coverage, press reports, TV documentaries, magazine articles , a growing public awareness of animal abuse, new members flooding into local and national animal rights groups. Not forgetting of course, a great deal of aggravation and expense for the animal abusers also. The greatest of all the short term benefits is the Liberation of hundreds of laboratory animals and factory farm animals.

The campaign has not been without cost and this year well over a hundred people have been arrested for animal rights campaigning. The response of the A.L.F. and other militant direct action groups has been to establish defence funds. Many people wrongly believe these defence funds are established because we feel sorry for those people who have to pay heavy fines and face long and very costly court proceedings. This in fact is NOT the case.

The purpose of defence campaigns is to directly challenge the right of the State to criminalise animal rights activity and the activists who participate in this. It is truly a bizarre situation that Society deems vivisection, factory farming, etc; legal and will also protect it by Law. The State is not independent of animal abuse but uses its resources to rally behind the institution of animal abuse. Therefore the animal rights campaigners who take action against animal abuse find themselves in a situation of confrontation with the State - it is not the campaigners who choose to be 'anti-establishment' but the establishment chooses to be 'anti-them'.

We must remember that the law is not a fixed panacea but a variable force - one day animal abuse will be illegal and then the State would be justified in prosecuting those who break the Law. The reason why animal rights campaigners find themselves in the Courtroom is because the State - at present - is allied with those who abuse animals.
We must highlight this point and the basic aim of a defence campaign is to explain this to the public. Whether or not activists plead guilty to so-called "offences" is purely a matter of tactics and the defence campaigns do in general ignore the 'legal aspects' of cases. Whether the activists on trial are 'guilty' or not, this is quite irrelevant - it is the law that is wrong.

If and when people are found guilty, the responsibility of the defence campaign is to try and raise by public donation and appeal, the full cost of the trial and fines imposed. It is vital that attempts are made to try and raise the money from previously uncommitted members of the public - this has two effects:-
(i)It challenges the process of putting activists on trial. The court labels their actions 'illegal', and sentences them to economic hardship by imposing a fine. The public then say "I believe they were right to do as they did and I wish to relieve them of the economic hardship imposed upon them by the Court because I do not accept they should have been in any Courtroom in the first place". This results in the community rejecting the label of criminal and the sentence imposed by the Court is made ineffectual and unacceptable to the public which the Courts supposedly represent and protect. The State loses in its attempt to suppress militant direct action.
(ii)The local group who has put all the work and time into this temporary campaign gains credibility and support in the community.

When you next hear of a local defence campaign being established, your first reaction should not be to reach for your chequebook but to give your time and energy in supporting the Campaign, picketing the courthouse, organising leafleting sessions in your area, etc;. Your money is needed but your time and energy will do more good in the long run.

A.L.F. Defence Campaigns Organiser.

A.L.F. Supporters Group - 1.

(i) The ALF(SG) would again point out there is a very urgent need for homes for animals rescued by the ALF. Sanctuaries for large numbers are urgently needed also. In the case of sanctuaries, financial help may be given. Please write to the ALF if you can help stating how many animals and what type you can care for. Short-term foster homes are urgently required also. Your offer will be filed and you will be contacted when the need arises. Please remember to give your telephone number if you have one. (Home or Work).

(ii) If there is any need to write to the ALF(SG) and you do not hear for 4-5 weeks, please do not worry as it takes at least three weeks for post to arrive at the ALF(SG) . When post is received, it is usually dealt with in a matter of 2-3 days A further delay occurs as ALL ALF(SG) post is double-checked for address etc;.

(iii)As ALF actions increase, articles in newspapers are becoming more frequent.It is very important that ALF supporters write to any newspaper reporting an ALF action to counteract animal abusers writing in condemning ALF actions.
The ALF receive newspaper/magazine cuttings of ALF actions but it would be VERY MUCH appreciated if ALF(SG) members sent in articles they see in newspapers or magazines that specifically relate to the ALF or direct action. Doing this would really be invaluable and greatly appreciated. When sending in the cuttings, no covering letter will be necessary - just the cuttings ensuring the name of the newspaper etc; and date of the article are included or written aside the article.

(iv) Some ALF(SG) members have written enquiring about leaving money to the ALF in wills etc;. Leaving money to the ALF is quite legal - it can be left to the ALF(SG) also - the only important point to note - and this is vital - is that the full name and address of the ALF is stated and the details are completely correct or this will invalidate a will. Anyone doing this should advise the ALF so it can be kept fully aware of the position.

(v) The ALF(SG) from time-to-time receives letters from members querying Press reports which sometimes report incidents quite incorrectly and are heavily biased against the ALF. Replying to these letters is very time-consuming so the ALF(SG) would ask members NOT to believe everything they read but to wait for the official press statement from the ALF Press Officer. Thank you.

(vi) There was an excellent response to the 'Operation Valentine Photo. Collection' which included three photos. of the raid on the Life Science Animal Death Camp at Stock, Essex. This newsletter now offers the 'Mink Liberation Photo.Collection'. This includes three 9" x 7" photos.(NOT photocopies) of (i)Masked ALF raiders cutting outer perimeter wire to allow mink released from the farm to escape into the wild. (ii) Masked ALF raider opening cages (iii)Masked ALF raiders carrying cages with mink inside(shown on photo.) This collection was photographed at the Southend, Essex raid. The collection costs £7.50 (or any one photo. for £3). Please allow 6 weeks for delivery. The Operation Valentine collection offer is now finished . Not an offer to be missed.....

(vii) Newsletters were originally all sent out on the same date - in view of the number of people who have joined the ALF(SG), the newsletters will be issued in about three stages around the end of the month they are due to go out. Please do not worry if other ALF(SG) members get their newsletter before you and it seems your one has gone astray . Obviously, the ALF wishes to convey its very grateful thanks to all ALF supporters who have shown their support by joining the ALF(SG). ALF(SG) members are bringing the Day of Animal Liberation much closer .

(viii) Islington Animal Rights group would appreciate hearing from anyone in a position to give or sell at a low cost, any woodwork, electrical, mechanical and/or gardening tools. These are needed for a market stall and the profits from their stall will go to various animal rights organisations including the A.L.F. If you can help, please contact I.A.R. c/o the B.U.A.V.

(ix)The ALF(SG) has now had to delete a few SG members from its membership lists as monthly payments are now well in arrears. If you pay manually and the word "DUE" appears in red on the top right hand corner of the address label on the envelope, please send the amount owed without delay. Remember - millions of animals are dying because the ALF does not have the money required to liberate them !

(x)It is not known at this time whether the ALF(SG) will be able to issue membership cards in this issue - as stated in the slip enclosed with the last newsletter, there have been serious problems in producing the newsletter which have now been almost completely remedied. When the membership cards are issued, they will be blank and the name, county and membership no. of the member will have to be stated on it. The membership no. will be shown on the address label on the newsletter envelope. Please complete the card as soon as you receive it.

(xi)The ALF(SG) postcard is still available showing four actions carried out by the ALF in 1982 - these are high quality and only cost 10p each or 75p for 10. You can now use these when writing to your local animal abuser showing exactly what you think is needed to end animal abuse!'

(xii)On August 31st 1982 a demonstration took place at the infamous animal torture centre 'Huntingdon Research Centre'. Those who attended the demonstration were amazed at the size of this fiendish establishment where animals die in excruciating agony purely for commercial profit. The person running the centre is a certain Mr Ralph Heywood and perhaps ALF(SG) members would like to advise him of their feelings about him and what he is responsible for. It is not the policy of the ALF(SG) to detail telephone numbers, but at the time of going to print, it was available from directory enquiries. Heywood lives at:-

The Larches, The Lanes, Houghton, Huntingdon.

Why not let him know what <u>you</u> think about what he does - <u>NOW</u> ?

(xiii) URGENT - CAN <u>YOU</u> HELP PLEASE ?

ALF Press Officer Ronnie Lee is looking for somewhere to live. He needs a self-contained unfurnished flat in the Greater London area. He is having problems with his landlady and may soon be forced to move from his present accomodation. If any SG member has such a flat to let, or knows of anyone who has, please let us know as soon as possible. Ronnie, who has served two prison sentences for ALF activity and now lives on only a meagre supplementary benefit works full time for the ALF. He recently told the ALF(SG)".....I don't regret for one moment going to prison or the work I do now but one thing that has really got me down is that since coming out of prison five years ago, I have never had anywhere decent to live. I have either been forced to live in hovels with people I didn't get on with, or with a landlord/landlady who has given me considerable trouble. I'm not looking for anywhere special to live, just a little place where I can be left alone to get on with my work without additional aggravation. I think that what I have had to put up with is absolutely disgraceful when one considers how people working for other animal welfare societies (which are less effective or important than the ALF) get paid large salaries and can afford to live in comparative luxury. There is no way I want a large salary - or <u>any</u> salary at all - but I do desperately need a situation where I can devote myself full-time to the struggle for animal liberation without having to worry constantly about accomodation. I sincerely hope that the emergence of the ALF(SG) will mean that ALF activists are given proper support and do not have to endure what I have experienced over the last five years....."

If you can help, please write to the ALF without delay. It is really a deplorable situation that people who give their lives to animal liberation, go to prison and live on next-to-nothing PURELY for the animals have to endure this type of situation .

(xiv) The Enemy Within ?

In the middle of January (1983), ALF activists over a three day period attacked Joseph Fox Fur Shop in Sheffield - expensive plate glass windows were smashed, other windows damaged by glass-cutters and anti-(animal)cruelty slogans painted on the premises. The total damage was £2000.

THIS IS NOW £2000 "worth" of animals that CANNOT BE BRED AND SLAUGHTERED FOR THEIR OWN COATS. - FACT.

On 21st January in a Sheffield newspaper, Jean Pink of Animal Aid stated:- "..this action does more harm than good...".

What or who does this damage exactly "harm" - not the animals for sure !

The ALF expects inane statements from animal abusers but NOT from people who claim to be members of the Animal Rights Campain. Animal Aid with other organisations educates the public and without any reservation the ALF supports this and considers this a WHOLLY NECESSARY part of the campaign. It is distressing to note the condemnations - and this is not the first one - that Jean Pink has made. No harm to life occurred - simply damage to animal abuse property which will result in animals being saved - i.e. the money spent on repairs and extra security measures will come from money allocated for investment in animal cruelty. How can such action as the destruction of parts of a fur shop be wrong ?????

It is perhaps worth thinking :- Which animal rights organisation has saved the most animals ? Which animal rights organisation spends all the money it receives on animal liberation ? Which animal rights organisation has done the most to publicise the horrors of animal abuse and bring it into the Press and on Television etc; ? It is indeed worth thinking these questions the next time you send money off to an animal rights organisation. It is pathetic indeed that the organisation that has saved the most animals and whose members have taken the greatest risks survives - literally - on "a shoestring".

Until recently the ALF had only very limited facilities to answer the irrational condemnations thrown at it. When it makes a statement to defend itself - it is accused of "attack" and yet when anyone else attacks it, no objection is heard. The ALF will defend its position and hopes ALF(SG) members will assist it. It is very disturbing that when the ALF explains its position and viewpoint - only to defend itself, it is accused of condemning others when inevitably the statement issued is simply to counteract misconceptions and untruthful or unbalanced statements. It is ironic that the ALF is deemed by so many to be the 'hard man' of the Campaign but in fact the ALF shows more compassion, more feeling, more sensitivity and more respect for animal life than anyone else - something worth thinking about.

ALF actions effect the POSITIVE PREVENTION OF ANIMAL ABUSE NOW and statements condemning the ALF do not harm the ALF but HARM THE ANIMALS . The ALF clearly strives for ANIMAL LIBERATION - NOT division in the campaign and those who participate in dividing the campaign are no friend of the animals.

The ALF works for the liberation of the animals - defending its actions uses up valuable time - whilst time is wasted, animals are dying.

Whilst Animal Rights/welfare organisations condemn, critisise and argue against the ALF and between themselves, the ALF will continue with its work:-

A N I M A L L I B E R A T I O N

"As long as animal torture is lawful in this country, we must act act outside the Law" E.C.

(xv) Correction:- In the ALF Supporters Group (page) 2, under item (xii), Ralph Heywood is stated to be the person running the Huntingdon Research Centre. This is incorrect - he is the Veterinary Investigation Officer/ Veterinarian In Charge of Research. A few examples of his work(source of information is shown in brackets).

Antispasmodic Agent injected into & fed to dogs. Result was muscle tremors, discolouration of skin, weight loss, discharge from eyes. Some dogs collapsed after dose administered. (Toxicology Letters(1981) Vol.9).

Anti-fertility drug fed to monkeys - producing sickness and death. (Toxicology (1978).Vol.11. No.3.)

MSG administered to concious monkeys - 50% of the animals vomitted - animals then subjected to seven bleedings from femoral vein for periods up to 300 minutes after dosing. (Toxicology Letters (1978) 2 : 299).

(xvi)Anyone living in London interested in fund raising activities for animal rights organisations - including the A.L.F. can contact Joy Ashton of 65 Maitland Court, Lancaster Terrace, LONDON, W2 by writing,as Joy wishes to start a group for this type of work.

(xvii)This newsletter is being printed some weeks before April 30th and it appears membership cards may not be available in time. Please therefore carefully record the membership number shown on the envelope label and this can then be stated on the card when it is issued.

(xviii)The diary of ALF actions included in this newsletter is less than usual as the main period covered is shorter. With the three previous newsletters, the diary included a period only a short time from the newsletter issue date but due to the tremendous response and the number of people who have joined, more time is needed for the preparation and printing of the newsletter etc; and therefore the usual main period of two months has had to be reduced slightly.

(xix)Following on from (ix), the ALF(SG) understands the GPO objects to this and therefore the label stating 'DUE' (in red) will be on the envelope flap. The ALF(SG) usually waits for two months before reminding people as the post going via Box 190 obviously takes time. To enable members to know what the position is, the month of the last payment will also be stated. If you do pay manually and this occurs, PLEASE send the money owed without delay. Thank you.

*** D I R E C T S U P P O R T F O R D I R E C T A C T I O N ***

Diary of ALF group active in the South of England.

".....The following account details several actions planned by our group.

Our first attempt was an attempt at a Battery farm. This was successful although we only managed to rescue a small number of hens. Following our action, there was a great deal of publicity. We forced our way into the farming area by using a route from the back fields. The encircling wire was cut and once inside the houses, the cage doors opened easily and we had no difficulty in removing the hens we thought we would be able to manage. This farm had been very carefully inspected beforehand in daylight and at night. We checked the entrance and exit routes and the burglar alarms - both over the doors and in the ground. The hens were surprisingly heavy and we carried them(to the vehicles waiting)in sacks. To our concern, the place the hens were to be taken to could not accept them for various reasons and we took them to a friend's house, let them out to recover - and taste freedom for the first time - and then went on to another safe place. Not long afterwards they were taken to a good home in the country where they have fully recovered from their battery existence and run free.

Our next target was a very large Battery (so-called)'farm'. It was in fact one long hen house in a filthy condition. After 2-3 hours of filing and cutting, we got in through a hole in the wall but to our total dismay the cages would not open. We could not use lights in this particular situation and could only presume there was a device somewhere that would unlock the cages as one so with great disappointment we realised we would not be able to liberate any hens (who were remarkably quiet - we suspected they were heavily drugged) so we daubed the hen house in total darkness with anti factory farming slogans. Yet another disappointment a few days later - we attempted to raid a large battery unit where several thousand hens were kept. It was easy to cut through the 'protective wiring' but the farm was brightly lit with a caretaker living in a caravan close by. The hens made a great deal of noise when we entered the battery area and after two attempts we decided a successful liberation would not be possible. The next "farm" raided shortly afterwards was easy to get into as the door was left unlocked - there was the usual filth and the birds had terribly overgrown claws so they caught their legs in the cage wire very easily. We liberated four hens (now well and in good homes) and left daubing on the "farm" buildings. We took a photograph of the inside but when challenged, the owner denied any birds were missing !

A very successful rescue occurred, not long after this when we were able to liberate thirteen hens. This action took place with our group working with another ALF group. As with the previous action, the 'farm' doors had been left unlocked and the condition of the interior was really dreadful. All the hens were featherless except for their necks but they had not been debeaked as we had found with hens in other farms. This action was reported in the Press who were very hostile to our action. Not that this worried us very much !

Our next action was also very successful - we raided a breeding unit that bred small animals for vivisection. There had been several demonstrations against this unit together with leafletting and even daubing, but the evil work of the unit just went on..... We waited for what seemed a whole night as the night we turned up, the occupants were keeping very late hours. We waited patiently behind hedges until all was in quiet and darkness. We had to force the front door of the unit as the crowbars - for the first time ever ! - would not open it. We placed a number of the animals into cages and containers we had brought along. The animals were taken to homes previously arranged and the raid was given front page coverage in Press. Photographs we took of the interior were also used.

Recently we have initiated a campaign of damaging fur shops and have found that walking or cycling instead of using a car is more successful and attracts far less attention. Different ALF groups find different ways of achieving animal liberation and although we have as a group, not functioned for that long, we have determined which methods we find the most satisfactory and effect the maximum numbers of animal liberations. Speaking for the group, our group will always exist and continue the campaign of direct action all the time that animals are tortured and murdered.

I hope that by this account being written that people will form groups themselves and join our campaign - as detailed, things don't always go smoothly but we know that through our actions - directly or indirectly, animals are being saved.

Diary of A.L.F. Actions.

(i)A.L.F. unit complete a three-day attack on Joseph Fox Fur Shop, Rockingham Gate, Sheffield. "£2000 worth of damage" per Press. 21/1/83. ***
(ii)Infestation Control Laboratory, Tangley Place, Guildford, Surrey raided and two foxes liberated. Damage done to property. 21/1/83. ***
(iii)Sangers Royal Circus which includes animals "performing" and experiencing the usual suffering announces it has cancelled its visit to Yeovil Somerset due to actions carried out by the A.L.F. in October 1982. 29/1/83. ***
(iv)Damage done to Sheffield University Psychology Dept - this dept. carries out food deprivation and electric shock experiments on animals. 30/1/83. ***
(v)Thirty rabbits due to be slaughtered for their fur rescued by A.L.F. from HyLyne Rabbits Ltd., Marston, Cheshire. All in good homes now. 2/2/83.
(vi)Skincraft Fur Shop, Stirling, Scotland attacked and damaged by A.L.F. 5/2/83.
(vii)The ALF in Canada receive large-scale publicity in numerous Canadian newspapers due to the continuous and [illegible] successful actions carried out recently. 10/2/83.
(viii)T.Harrison Furriers, Worcester, damaged by A.L.F. (Not for the first time) 10/2/83
(ix)The ALF in the USA rescue 3 dogs from Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda - the dogs were destined to having their legs broken for marrow experiments. February.
(x)ALF successfully damage Boots Research Labs., Boots the Chemist and two furshops in Nottingham. 12/2/83.
(xi)New Smiths Stainless Factory in Roberttown, Yorks who make equipment for animal experimentation damaged. Later the owner of the factory (Keith Langley) had his house damaged. **** Four people arrested in connection with this - donations urgently required - please send to ALF General Defence Fund. 17/2/83.
(xii)Thirty hens rescued by ALF from Lower Meadow Battery Farm, North Ockendon, Essex. Damage also done. 18/2/83.
(xiii)Wimbledon, London Theatre which uses live bears and tigers - kept in very bad conditions damaged by ALF. 25/2/83.
(xiv)ALF damage Essex Poultry Processing Plant, Essex. 26/2/83.
(xv) 120 animals, (hamsters, mice, gerbils, rats) rescued by ALF from Filton Tech. College, Bristol. Animals destined for dissection. Good permanent Homes Urgently Needed. 27/2/83.
(xvi)Melton Mowbray Slaughterhouse damaged by ALF. February.
(xvii)Two 'Hamburger' shops and a butchers shop, Hounslow, Middlesex, damaged by ALF. 2/3/83.
(xviii)Two lurcher dogs rescued in Derby from a man who was going to send them to a lab. for vivisection. Dogs were very ill(covered in sores) but now in good homes and improving. 4/3/83.
(xix)Three rabbits rescued by ALF from Hill College, Southampton. The rabbits were destined for dissection. Damage also done. 5/3/83.
(xx)RSPCA refused to act when evidence produced to show a dog in Ripley, Derby was suffering very badly. (Back was cut open). In view of this the ALF acted, rescued the dog who is now in a good home and improving. 5/3/83.
(xxi) ALF damage Butchers shop and Meat Centre in Finsbury Park, London. 6/3/83
(xxii)ALF rescue alsation dog from a house in Nottingham - the dog was kept in filthy conditions and chained up. 11/3/83.
(xxiii)Red paint thrown at Canada House during Trafalgar Sq.London, anti-seal massacre in Canada. 11 people arrested. 12/3/83.
(xxiv)ALF damage Fur shop in Masons Yard, London. 15/3/83.
(xxv)Windows of butchers shop in Morden, Surrey smashed with bricks by ALF. 17/3/83.
(xxvi)ALF complete a highly successful raid on Shamrock Farms Ltd - animal torture equipment damaged and destroyed. This establishment supplies animals for vivisection and also carried out vivisection. Several thousands of pounds worth of damage done. 17/3/83.

*** These actions were late reports and were not included in newsletter (3) which covered actions up to 30/1/83.

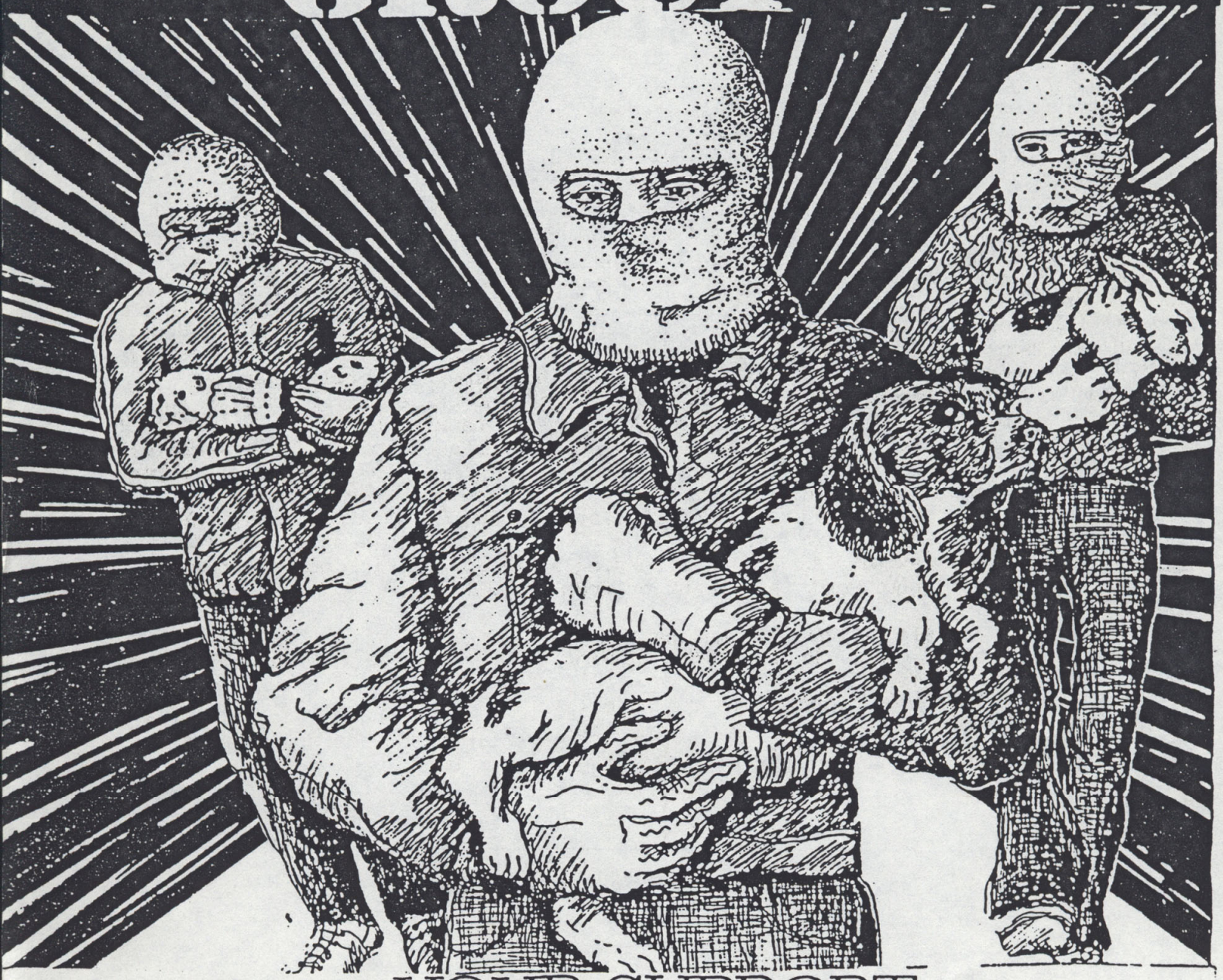
URGENT APPEAL FOR FUNDS- PLEASE HELP. In addition to (xi), help is needed for those arrested in (xxiii) and the four people arrested on 2nd March for causing damage to furriers and butchers shops in Colwyn Bay, North Wales. Ordered to pay £400 at least. Also, for animal rights activist Lindsay Hart charged on 10th March with conspiracy to do burglary at Perrycroft Lodge, Nr Malvern, Worcs., - an establishment which breeds beagles for experimentation.

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A.L.F. SUPPORTERS GROUP



June 30th 1983.

no: 5

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The ALF is aware that many people support the ALF although they are unable to involve themselves in ALF direct actions. The ALF is very grateful for the financial support it receives, but for it to continue, more funds are needed and preferably on a regular basis. It has become apparent that the ALF has accepted that it must use militant style action to free animals despite the risks and costs involved - sometimes imprisonment has occurred. ALF members are constantly charged with criminal offences - NEVER are they charged with liberating laboratory animals - the courts NEVER challenge the right of vivisectors and their like to abuse, torture and murder animals. The animals who are abused in so many ways and places are guilty of NOTHING and therefore do not deserve a lifetime of agony only to be finished by painful death. The ALF will continue its fight against animal abuse and therefore it is to be expected that heavy costs will arise more frequently. By helping with the costs that the ALF has to meet on occasions, those sending money are making a very positive contribution to fighting animal abuse, helping and supporting those people who take great risks to free the animals and they will be showing that the ALF is NOT an isolatedfringe group, but an organisation that gains popular support while Government refuses to legislate.

Members of the ALF Supporters Group will receive bi-monthly newsletters giving all the up to date information about the ALF and its actions which are sometimes not made available, or if they are, there is a delay involved. There will also be other benefits available. All S.G. (Supporters Group) members will be issued with a badge exclusively made for S.G. members showing a masked ALF member holding a liberated dog - above this, the words "ALF Supporters Group". To make membership possible for everyone, the subscription is just £2 a month which, compared with other monthly outgoings, is a small amount to pay for the liberation of animals - 6½p a day for the animals who rely entirely on the Animal Rights supporters, without whom there is no one else for them to turn to. The £2 will be paid by Standing Order from the member's bank/giro account - this method is painless, troublefree and involves no other costs (postage etc;). It will enable non-active members to feel they are an important part of the ever-increasing direct action against animal abuse. The amount stated on a Standing Order form can only be changed by the payer (member) and be cancelled at any time. The ALF would prefer this method but for those with no bank account, the £2 can be sent on a specific date each month. Local groups may wish to consider sending a group subscription. Anyone requiring more information can enquire at their bank or from the ALF(S.G.).

All money the ALF receives goes to fighting animal abuse and it therefore hopes many people will join the S.G. and know they are making a major and very significant contribution towards the liberation and caring of animals doomed to be tortured and murdered. For just 6½p a day - help the ALF help the animals - complete and send off the Standing Order form below TODAY to the ALF (S.G.) who after noting your address (to which the newsletters will be sent) will forward it on to your bank.

Yours for Animal Liberation NOW

Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group

Name of bank.....Branch.....A/C No.....

Full address of bank.....

Please pay to the Co-operative Bank P.L.C., City Office Branch, 78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ (08-02-28T), A.L.F. Supporters Group, A/C No. 50381708 on.....198. and on the.....day of every month until further notice, the sum of £..... for the credit of the ALF Supporters Group.

Name (block letters) Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.....

Full address (block letters and postal code).....

.....

Date..... Signed.....

Operation Valentine - Chelmsford Court. "Trial" of Travesty of Justice ?

Exclusively for SG members, accounts of the 'trials' of those arrested in connection with Operation Valentine on 14th February 1982 will be included in SG newsletters. This newsletter begins with one account of the first trial.....

"....On 14th Feb.1982, 100 anti-vivisectionists demonstrated outside the Life Science Research Centre(LSR) in Stock, Essex. During the demo. masked ALF activists went into the lab.complex and liberated many animals and did £76,000 worth of damage. The action was featured on Tv and in the Press both in the UK and abroad. The police arrested nearly 60 people who were held for 2 days. 29 of these were charged and for trial were split into three groups. The jury were given maps and plans of LSR and a book of photographs taken by a Daily Mirror photographer - Steve Bent. The photos. showed masked figures running through the LSR complex, damaging windows, a van, etc; and carrying out beagles in their arms.

The Judge was Brian Watling - a self-confessed fish murderer according to 'Who's Who' and he told the jury not to think about the experiments at LSR or allow their feelings on the subject to influence their decision. He added that experiments on animals might be saving human lives and he was personally glad animal experiments were carried out as this made him feel a lot safer. The first prosecution witness was Steve Bent who detailed how he was given instructions to go to LSR together with an ALF leaflet which described the "work" of LSR. The leaflet ended "No suffering animal will ever call us vandals". (The prosecution(pros.) stated this was proof of the ALF's intention to damage LSR and was also proof of conspiracy.)He met some demonstrators in a village near to Stock and drove in a convoy to LSR. Once there, he began to take photos. Some of those he took appeared in the Daily Mirror the next day and his home was raided by the police not long afterwards and the photos. confiscated. After he left the demo. at LSR, he was instructed to go to a car park in Brentwood. He did so and was met by demonstrators who were to give him extra film. taken by them. They had a beagle puppy with them but the police caught up with them and the puppy was returned to LSR. When Steve Bent was asked by the defence(def.) barrister why he had taken so many photos. of this one dog he replied "I don't know - I suppose it had nice eyes". A deathly hush fell over the Courtroom.

The next witness was Mr Farmer, a security guard on duty on the 14th Feb.1982. He was extremely tense and asked if he could be allowed not to give his address. To no great surprise, Watling allowed this. The judge asked him how he felt after the raid and he replied "Terrible-I was suffering from shock" - Farmer's "shock" was little compared with those arrested who spent two days in a police cell knowing that animals they had rescued had been returned for torture and agonising death at LSR. Farmer admitted under cross-examination that he was not allowed to actually go inside LSR buildings and he didn't really know what "went on" inside there. He also said that when on duty at the gates, he often saw van loads of animals being driven in - but no animals ever seemed to go out.....

Several more witnesses were called and the pros. had a total of 69 witnesses. The def. neeedd only 2 witnesses - the organiser of the peaceful demo. and a lady who had once worked at LSR but left in disgust after seeing what LSR did with animals. Despite this lady turning up, Watling would not allow her to testify as he felt what she had to say would "not be relevant". One of the defendants did have knowledge of what LSR did to animals and after detailing this, some of the jurors were in tears. All of them looked very shocked. Watling then ordered the jury to leave the Court - shouting at them for not moving quickly enough - and told the defendant who had detailed the work of LSR he had abused his right to speak from the dock. The Court case lasted $2\frac{1}{2}$ weeks and Watling summed up very much in favour of the pros. - although he was of course meant to be neutral. The jury were out deciding upon the verdict for several hours but despite this they were unable to agree on the verdict on six of the defendants and the other three were acquitted. Because of the failure to reach a verdict on the six, a retrial was ordered.

*** Details of the 'retrial', and the following trials will be given in the next SG newsletters. ***

"TRIAL" OR MOCKERY OF CIVILISED JUSTICE ?????

Help the ALF activists to help the Animals.

As stated elsewhere in this newsletter, the "trial" of those arrested in connection with the ALF action of Operation Valentine is now taking place. The money paid by SG members will help to pay the costs and fines arising through this. As stated in the SG leaflet/form which most members have seen and read, regular support is now very much needed as ALF actions increase and the chance of activists being arrested and 'tried' also increases.
One SG member has made the suggestion that members may wish to help the SG in a number of ways - i.e. become an "active supporter". There is nothing illegal about being an "active supporter" of the ALF(SG). (It is being an ALF member/activist taking part in "illegal" direct action that is unlawful). There are three ways members could greatly help the ALF(SG) to help the ALF.:-

(1)Get people in the Animal Rights Campaign to join the ALF(SG) if not already a member.
(2)Hold a fund raising event for the ALF(SG).
(3)Get a letter supporting the ALF published(this does help the ALF a great deal).

Most SG members can do one of the above and by doing so, the ALF(SG) can help the ALF who are doing so much for the animals at the moment - just glance at the 'diary of actions in this and previous newsletters to see this is the case). The SG member who suggested this,felt so strongly about this idea,a fund-raising event was held to specifically pay for badges to be produced. The badge shows a masked ALF member carrying liberated animals - above this "A.L.F. Supporters Group" and below - in red - "ACTIVE SUPPORTER". Wearing this shows you are going one step - one very important step - in intensifying the direct campaign against animal abuse. Please try and do one of the following:-

(1)Get someone you know in the Campaign - or your local Animal Rights group - to join the SG by completing the standing order on the reverse of the cover page. (New members must pay by standing order). As up to 10% of forms received to date have been incorre--ctly or incompletely filled in, please ensure the form is filled in correctly - i.e. four items regarding bank at the top, three items regarding actual payment below this, full name and address - in block capitals - follow and then the signature of the person from whose account the payments will be made and the date.
The form should then be sent to the ALF(SG) with a covering note giving your own membership number and surname - the active supporter badge will then be sent to you.
OR
(2)Hold a fund raising event for the ALF(SG) which should raise the equivalent of one years membership(minimum £24). A badge wi'l be sent on receipt of the cheque.
OR
(3)Have a letter published in a magazine, newspaper, etc;(NOT an animal rights publication) supporting direct action and the A.L.F. (The A.L.F. should actually be named in the article). The article should then be sent in to the ALF(SG) with details of the publication's name and the date it was printed with your membership number and surname.

On April 24th 1983, World Day for Laboratory Animals was held - despite a population of over 50,000,000, the number who demonstrated in total around the country was about 10,000 - less than one-fiftieth of one per cent (.02%), despite being a peaceful well organised demo. against the obscenity of vivisection. From this, it can be seen how important members of the Campaign are to the animals - they have so little help. Please therefore help the ALF to carry on its highly successful actions which help those who cannot help or defend themselves . If you read at the average speed, in the short time just this one page took to read, another 25 animals have died in a laboratory and another 7500 animals have died in the "food trade" .

*** ALF(SG) - Giving the support the ALF and the Animals so badly need ***

Damage to animal abuse establishments - the significance and importance.

There can be little doubt that nothing creates more favourable publicity for the Animal Rights Campaign than an ALF action which includes the rescue/liberation of animals from establishments which are preparing to torture and kill them.

It has become obvious that even members of the Campaign give greater support to actions which involve animal liberation than actions that involve damaging property used for the torturing of animals. This is obviously understood - the picture of masked ALF activists leaving an animal abuse establishment with animals rescued from it is a welcome sight indeed. Are ALF actions which involve the damaging of property and not animal liberation simply a poor substitute for animal liberation ?

Damage to animal abuse property does effect animal liberation as quite simply, the damage has to be dealt with and money meant for investment in animal abuse has to be spent on repairs, extra security etc;.If the damage is covered by Insurance, there is frequently an "excess" factor - i.e. the first £x has to be paid by the person(s) insured. This is not the end of the story by any means - the insurance co. will frequently require extra security precautions - fencing, alarms, guards, lighting systems, more secure protection, etc; etc. Also, the premiums required by the insurance co. will invariably be increased. All this extra money needed comes from the funds allocated for the breeding, purchasing torturing and killing of animals. In the unlikely event the money needed is not taken from funds meant for animal abuse, it will come from wages for the staff and the results are obviously not going to be so 'good' - less products means less income = less money for animal abuse. If money is taken from profits, this in turn will upset investors who will withdraw their investments and leave the establishment with less money for animal abuse. The simple fact of the matter is that whatever way damage etc; is dealt with it means LESS ANIMALS CAN BE PURCHASED TO TORTURE AND SLAUGHTER.

Damage also 'upsets' the running of an establishment. Life Science 'Research' Centre at Stock,Essex which was raided on 14th February 1982('Operation Valentine') lost a large number of orders as their equipment was extensively damaged(i.e. £76,000 worth of damage was done). LSRC later dismissed over 40 of their staff quite obviously due to the terrific financial damage caused. Damage also affects private investment - Operation Valentine was detailed in 'The Financial Times' of 15th February 1982.No one is going to invest their money in a business that is under attack. Many investors sometimes do not even know what their money is going to and ALF actions publicising what various establishments do,actually shows them.

The FACT of the matter is that £1000 worth of net damage is £1000 that cannot be spent on animsl abuse. The notorious Huntingdon Research Centre had to call in security men immediately after the £2000 damage(minimum) was done there on August 31st last year - numerous security men at short notice on a Bank holiday ? - not an inexpensive measure by any means.

It is of course difficult to relate a damage action with animal liberation - some imagination is undoubtably needed - BUT IT IS ANIMAL LIBERATION NEVERTHELESS ****** Damaging animal abuse property is a wholly essential part of the campaign to liberate animals. There is also nothing so demoralising to the animal abusers to find their laboratories, farms, offices wrecked. If damage wasn't so important why would the Research Defence Society and now, the National Farmers Union issue masses of literature to prevent attack and the damage that accompanies it ???

Next time you read of an account where an animal abuse establishment has been damaged by the ALF - picture the animals they will not be able to purchase, torture and kill. It is indeed a hard decision to come to for the ALF in damaging property and if anything it is more risky (i.e. the noise etc;) and the penalties for being caught are much harsher but damage is necessary and the ALF will therefore carry out damage actions and thereby save animals. Damage is essentially animal liberation in the long term.

*** DESTRUCTION OF ANIMAL ABUSE PROPERTY - MAKING ANIMAL LIBERATION A REALITY ***

ALF Action at HyLyne Rabbits Ltd.

This successful action was detailed in the diary of actions in newsletter 4. The ALF activists who carried out the raid now relate it in detail.....

"....The group of seven raiders met up at a railway station at approximately 9.45pm. We had two vehicles - a van and a car. Five of us had used the car to travel from our homes whilst the other activists had hired a van (due to the shortage of vehicles available) which would be used for taking the rescued rabbits to safe homes where they would be given the care they are entitled to. This was the total opposite of what their 'owner' intended - the rabbits there were bred and kept in the most dreadful conditions and are bred for the vivisection fur and/or meat trade. A great deal of rabbit meat was produced due to the fur trade in the factory.

The factory is situated just outside Lymm and lies almost directly beneath the flyover where the M6 crosses the Manchester Ship Canal - the factory complex is made up of twenty sheds which are 100 yards long each and contain about 25,000 rabbits. Other sheds in the complex contain slaughter equipment and there are even more sheds that contain enormous refridgerators to preserve the quality of the fur and carcases. Unfortunately the area is illuminated by the spill from the motorway lights and the floodlights on the premises.

We sent the car off to be parked in a convenient spot about two miles from Lymm and the driver used a bus back. We waited in a pub ensuring that nothing to do with animals, animal rights/liberation was mentioned whilst sitting in there albeit that we were in a quiet and isolated corner. We left the pub and climbed into the van and drove in a roundabout route to Lymm and arrived at Hylyne at about midnight. We then drove into a service road under the motorway flyover about 400 yards from the main entrance. We then ensured we were well out of sight. We then turned off the vehicle engine and lights and waited a very tense thirty minutes until all the lights in the farmhouse had gone out.

We then crossed the field keeping a hedge between us and the house and skirted the house and entered the shed the furthest from the house. The scene inside was a total nightmare - so many rabbits in such a very small area with very little room to move. We had to stop just a few seconds to take it all in. When we had recovered from this terrible scene, we placed two rabbits carefully into a sack. When we had rescued 28 rabbits - using 14 sacks - the seven of us walked out with a sack in each hand. As we were just out of the shed, there was a moment of fear as a light suddenly came on in the house. However we knew the vehicle could not be seen from the house and as we were dressed in dark clothing it was unlikely we had been seen. We hid behind a hedge and waited for the farmhouse light to go out. After a short while it did go out and we agreed it must have been someone just using the bathroom. We then continued our journey back to the van.

Once we were back in the van we moved off very quickly and drove to where the car was waiting. Five of us got into the car and the other two got back into the van and drove with the 28 liberated rabbits to safe homes which were only known to them. This raid caused acute embarassment to the HyLyne owners and this was the first action we had undertaken in the area although animal abusers can expect plenty more in due course.

For anyone contemplating direct action, we can only say this - After several years of campaigning, we, as a group of friends decided to try ALF tactics and in all the campaigns we have ever been involved in, there is nothing like getting home after a raid knowing that the animals you have rescued face a new and contented life rather than a painful death in misery, isolation and total despair. For the 28 rabbits now out of Hylyne, animal liberation is a reality.

The need for education.(The ALF way)

"Human" :- "Having or showing the (especially better) qualities distinctive of man.....as opposed to animals, machines,mere objects, etc;" (Oxford Dictionary).

It is apparent to most, if not all people, that from the tenderest age we are taught that the human species is far superior to all. This lie is shouted at us all - very loudly - from school, the Church, frequently our parents, the books we read (and are told to read), the newspapers, the television and radio, etc; etc;. The concept and idea of human superiority is found in literature produced to be read as soon as the child is first able to read - there is no escape from the lie.

The child is taught at school in biology that it is 'in order' to dissect animals. In history, man's tyrannical use of animals is pictured as 'wholly necessary' and how mankind has evolved 'upwards' from the 'beast'. In religious Instruction, the child is reminded of mankind's position on earth ("...Subdue it and have dominion over...every living thing that moves..." Gen 1:28). In most other subjects, the child is shown what marvellous heights mankind has risen to and can rise to. It is therefore not difficult to see why the Animal Rights Campaign has had so much difficulty in establishing itself - correcting and re-educating the whole population is (obviously) no easy task.

Ignorance abounds like a cancer - most people fail to see that Animal Liberation is OUR liberation also. Letters frequently appear in periodicals etc;, condemning anti-vivisection as "drugs MUST be tested on animals to ascertain whether they are safe". The writers overlook the fact that most animals react in a totally different way to humans when drugs etc; are tested and there is already a lengthy list of tested drugs - declared safe after animal testing - which have killed or seriously harmed human beings. The actual reason why people react against anti-vivisection can be one of many, but the fundamental basis is ignorance.

Animals being entitled to the same rights as humans is simply a logical fact. To dispute this by saying animals are physically different from human beings is a nonsense - one could then use the same irrational argument against the equality of the sexes - male and female are physically different so how can they be equal. If one is foolish and short-sighted enough to accept this argument, an endless and totally absurd list of situations then arises. Physical differences makes no difference whatsoever to the concept of equality. The Campaign is not saying animals are "the same"as humans, but simply that they are entitled to the same rights, protection, care and respect that humans are entitled to - as a right. To achieve animal liberation and animal rights requires a massive programme and process of education and the ALF sees its actions as an education. To educate the public showing them what does go on behind locked laboratory, factory farm and other animal torture establishments doors and to educate the animal abuser that his/her behaviour will NOT be tolerated or accepted - or allowed to continue.

Mankind's abuse of animals arises through ignorance, selfishness and apathy. It is a gamble - a very great gamble - to hope that humanity will educate itself and ban all animal abuse. It is a gamble that the ALF is NOT prepared to take as the 'stake' in the gamble is too high - the lives of millions and millions of animals. The ALF will show Government and the population as a whole, that there is a large number of humans who have re-educated themselves and are prepared to go to great lengths and take great risks to cut out this cancer of ignorance and what this ignorance produces - animal abuse - as expediently as possible.

ALF(SG) members are doing a great deal to educate an ignorant population and effect Animal Rights. We are constantly reminded that a laboratory animal dies every six seconds and we should also remember the 300 animals that die in slaughterhouses every six seconds of the working day - also the animals that suffer and die in hunting, factory farms, fur farms and domestic cruelty, etc;. All this in just this country alone. Supporting the ALF through ALF(SG) membership costs .000456p per six seconds and it is a positive indication of solidarity with those animals dying every six seconds due to the ignorance of human beings - the 'so-called'superior being.

*** The ALF - educating the population that Animals DO have Rights ***

A.L.F. Supporters - 1.

(1) The ALF has asked the ALF(SG) to convey its grateful thanks to SG members who have very kindly donated items to the ALF for use in animal liberation. Special thanks to those members who donated money to the ALF Animal Rescue Equipment fund, those who donated such items as radio transreceivers and to L & A of London who donated a vehicle which they could have sold.

(2)The ALF in the United Kingdom has now effected strong links with other direct action groups abroad (e.g. International Animal Liberation Front, Band of Mercy, etc;) and details of International ALF actions abroad are therefore included in SG newsletters in the diary of actions. As direct action against animal abuse increases, not only in this country but in numerous countries abroad, the Day of Animal Liberation will no doubt come about much sooner than many people think.

The ALF(SG) now has members in the USA, Canada, France, Sweden, Spain, South Africa, New Zealand, etc;. Membership in the U.K. literally stretches the length and breadth of the country. It is a FACT and not a matter of debate that membership of the ALF(SG) is the most positive way of bringing about animal liberation NOW.

(3)The "Mink Liberation Photo. Collection" is available now ONLY to ALF(SG) members. The Collection includes three large (9" x 7") photographs (NOT photocopies) of (i)Masked ALF raiders cutting the outer perimeter wire to allow mink released to escape into the wild (ii)Masked ALF raider opening mink cages (iii) Masked ALF raiders carrying cages with mink inside(clearly shown in photo.). The Collection was taken at the ALF raid at New World Mink Farm, Canewdon, Southend, Essex, on 22nd August 1982.
The Collection costs £7.50 (or any one photo. for £3). Please allow six weeks for delivery.
This offer is ONLY for SG members and NOT to be missed !

(4)Please remember to write to the newspapers when an ALF action takes place - this is VERY important - especially to counteract letters from animal abusers condemning ALF actions.

(5)Many members have written to the SG about the newsletter cover page. These are usually done by people who support the ALF. Several people have asked whether they can do one and the SG would be pleased to receive cover pages. They should be the same size as newsletter cover pages and leave sufficient room at the top or bottom for the usual "A.L.F. Supporters Group" heading to be entered. The cover page obviously should relate to ALF action and/or policy. The ones most suitable will be used.

(6)At the time of this newsletter being produced and printed, the trial of those arrested in connection with the highly successful"Operation Valentine" raid on New Life Science Animal Torture Laboratories (14th February 1982) is going on. The SG newsletter will cover the trials . There is something seriously wrong when establishments can torture animals to death and allow them to suffer in total agony - and be protected by the Law and those who seek (and succeed !) in preventing this obscenity are put on trial. There will be substancial costs involved and through the ALF(SG) these costs hopefully will be met in total. If not, a major part will be paid due to the people who care enough about animal abuse and animal liberation to join the ALF(SG).

*** DIRECT SUPPORT FOR DIRECT ACTION ***

(7)The ALF(SG) postcard is still available showing four highly successful ALF actions in 1982. The cards are good quality and cost only 10p each or 10 for 75p. SG members who have already purchased them are finding numerous uses for them - an excellent way of showing how you think animal liberation should be achieved. A sae would be very much appreciated.

(8)The SG membership cards have now materialised and ARE ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER - please enter your name, county and membership number (shown on the April 30th newsletter envelope label). Members can now write to the ALF(SG) simply stating their number although for obvious reasons this should be written very clearly and it would be a good idea to also state (just) the surname after.

(9)If the word "DUE" appears on the label on the envelope flap, it means no money has been received for two months - the month the last payment was received will be also stated - . This of course only applies to members paying manually and if this occurs with your newsletter please send the sum outstanding without delay. If payment is not received the same month, no more newsletters will be sent. Please remember millions of animals are dying because there is insufficient money to liberate them.

(10)If you are experienced in car mechanics, please let the Animal Liberation Front know if you are prepared to spend a few hours occasionally checking and/or repairing cars used by the A.L.F. This is a very valuable way of helping the ALF - and the animals it is liberating.

(11)The SG has adopted a policy from the very beginning of only producing items (previous newsletters, photo. collections,postcards, etc;) after an order is received. This is to prevent over-production which means money meant for the animals being wasted. This results in a little delay but hopefully SG members will appreciate - and agree - with this. The SG is now pleased to advise members of a new item. Three different types of self-adhesive"stickers" are now available - eye catching red on a white background. These cost only 70p for 100 (please only order in lots of 100 i.e. 100, 200, 300 and so on).These are extremely useful for fur shops, butchers shops, laboratories, farms, animal abusers' own homes etc; etc;. It is a really excellent way of reminding animal abusers they have not been "forgotten" and there cannot be a more unwelcome and disturbing sight for them to see a few of these plastered over an animal torture establishment or animal torturers' home. The SG is confident members will spend many happy hours placing these in various different"places" . The stickers are as follows:-

(1) Animal Liberation is OUR liberation - Support the Animal Liberation Front.

(2)THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT Fighting in the front line for the animals now.

(3) ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT DIRECT ACTION AGAINST ALL ANIMAL ABUSE

Just think of all the places you can put these.....

(Please (i)allow up to six weeks for delivery (ii)enclose a stamped addressed envelope - this helps the SG a great deal - Thanks.).

(12)With regard to SG-3 in the April 30th newsletter, the SG understands Jean Pink has confirmed no more condemnations of ALF actions will occur. In view of this the ALF & ALF(SG) looks forward to the continuation of a fast-growing united campaign for Animal Rights/Liberation.

***** Dates for YOUR diary *****

(13). It is rumoured that someone who is not publically supportive of activism and the activists is intending to stand for the office of President at the BUAV's AGM on Saturday 16th July 1983.
It is normal to elect famous people to hold these positions so that they can endorse the aims of the society or organisation and attract membership and legacies. In the case of a radical organisation such as the BUAV, it would be very difficult to find a 'household name' who is sufficiently informed about the whole subject of vivisection, who is a vegetarian, who is openly supportive of activism and the activists, and one who always speaks of Animal RIGHTS. There are people who believe it is politically expedient not to use the words "Animal Rights" - but the BUAV ARE fighting for Rights and to use any word less descriptive is a sell-out to those who cannot speak for themselves. For these reasons - and the fact that these positions are outdated and not in keeping with the radical image of the BUAV, the Committee of the BUAV is moving a resolution at the AGM that the offices of President and vice president are abolished.

The ALF asks that members of the ALF(SG) attend the AGM and vote for this resolution. It is VITAL that the BUAV's work and the continued successful actions of the ALF are NOT undermined by someone who will have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the BUAV to the media and who would, as President, have a vote on the Executive Committee.

The BUAV is the only organisation which does openly support the ALF in the media, and in its newspaper 'Liberator'. We must NOT allow its voice to be stifled or its policies to be watered down by anyone - for whatever reasons they may try to use. YOU can actively help the ALF and the BUAV by your attendance at this important meeting; If you are a member of the BUAV, please attend the BUAV's AGM and vote for the abolition of the positions of President and vice President. We hope that this motion will not fall, but if it does, another candidate will stand for the office of President whom the ALF does support, and you will be advised at the meeting which candidate to vote for. The AGM will be held from 11am at the Great Western Hotel, Paddington, London. If you are not already a member of the BUAV, please join now. Annual subscription is £4.(Unwaged £2).

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(14)Wellcome Laboratories are one of the worst animal torture establishments. The Bromley Animal Aid and Bromley Animal Rights groups have fought a long hard battle against Wellcome's in Beckenham, Kent. Now you can give these groups the support they need and deserve. There will be a National march and rally against Wellcome's on Saturday July 23rd 1983. It will begin at Norman Park, Bromley Common, Bromley,Kent - please be there by 1pm sharp. The demonstration will then march the six miles to the Wellcome laboratories. There will be a rally and this will disperse at about 5pm. The ALF have successfully damaged the property of five Wellcome animal torturers in less than a year - the animals in Wellcome need your support very badly.
The most amazing aspect regarding Wellcome is that it has a (Government assisted) "charitable" Trust. A few of the things this Trust have directly paid for:-
(1)18 Kittens had one eye sewn up until 5-7 weeks old. One eye was cut open and the other stitched up. They were then subjected to behavioural tests.(Journal of Physiology.1976.Vol.261.175-187). (2)Rats were injected with an ear damaging chemical. Tissue damage etc; was measured. Many animals showed a decline in general condition and loss of weight. After 20 days, the animals were killed, decapitated and parts of the ear dissected for analysis. (Archives of Toxicology.1982.Vol.50. 267-278). (3) Anaesthetised cats were immobilised with pins driven into their pelvis. The animals were also paralysed with Flaxedil. Nerves were identified using implanted electrodes following electrical stimulation of the sciatic nerve.(Journal of Physiology.1982. Vol.325.79-91.).

This is what Wellcomes do and pay for - July 23rd is the date YOU can make your feelings known about this.
Please book this demo. in your diary now and arrange the travelling for your local animal rights group NOW.

(15) The April 18th(1983) Press Release from the infamous 'Research Defence Society' states:- "....All thinking people, when they have considered the facts rationally, must deplore the efforts, in many cases illegal, of anti-vivisectionists in their activities aimed at disrupting the work in laboratories where medical research is carried out on animals specially bred for this purpose and kept in a carefully controlled environment. One of their most foolish acts is to free laboratory bred animals, for not only can this put vital research back by many years, but it is highly doubtful if the animals themselves would be able to survive for long in an alien environment - it is very shortsighted and selfish of them....."

Presuming the ALF(SG) is supposed to take this seriously - and it is difficult to actually picture the writer(s) of the above statement - being serious when it was written, the ALF / ALF(SG) has news for the RDS - all the animals rescued from labs. are very fit and well and are more than delighted to live in an ""Alien"" (???) environment. There is no doubt whatsoever that ALL animals in laboratories would readily live in similiar "alien" environments if they could. The only animals which have died after liberation are those so seriously injured by vivisectors that even the best veterinary care could not save them . It is quite unbelievable that the RDS is still 'sticking' to the idea of lab.animals are 'specially bred' - anyone looking at pictures of animals rescued by the ALF(e.g. the dogs from Laundry Farm) will see the RDS is being wholly deceitful or living in a dream world. The comment re 'selfish' would be hilarious if not so very tragic.

(16)Newsletters 1(31st.Oct.1982), 2(31st Dec.1982) 3(28th Feb.1983) and 4(30th April 1983) are available. These cost 30p in printing and postage so please send at least 30p to cover this. These newsletters cover other ALF actions, diary of actions and numerous other interesting articles.

(17)If you are involving yourself in a local animal rights demonstration and require ALF(Supporter Group) leaflets OR are prepared to give out these leaflets at national demonstrations, please let the ALF(SG) know the number you require. Please try and give at least four weeks notice. Thank you.

(18)Fortunately there are now very few animal circuses in existence - but nevertheless they do still exist. If anyone is unsure of the terrible cruelty, degradation and suffering that animals suffer in these monstrosities from the dark ages, there is plenty of literature available from different animal rights societies.The Captive Animals Protection Society publish excellent literature on the subject - anti-circus literature is also available from the RSPCA. Circuses depend almost entirely on local shops displaying their posters - the ALF has been highly successful in its fight against this. A local shop in particular usually takes on the role of booking agent - in April 1983, Exchange Travel Agents in 32 High Street, Bromley, Kent did this for "Fossett's Circus" and DIRECTLY assisted the continuation of great animal suffering. Being a commercial business, their telephone number is easily available - why not let them know what you think. In addition to this, losing business by continual telephone calls will cancel out their"income" from acting as a circus agent and perhaps they might not consider it worthwhile on the next accasion.....?

Why not give them a ring - **NOW** ?

(19)The ALF(SG) would be very grateful indeed if members would only write when really necessary as a great deal of time is taken up answering letters - many of which relate to where information requested is easily available from other Animal Rights Organisations, items have been misread etc; in SG newsletters and there have been incorrect reportings about ALF actions in the Press, etc;. Time and money spent on this type of thing inevitably will lead to animal suffering because it could be used in better ways - so please, unless really necessary, try to avoid writing.Thank you.

*** DIRECT SUPPORT FOR DIRECT ACTION ***

Diary of ALF Actions.

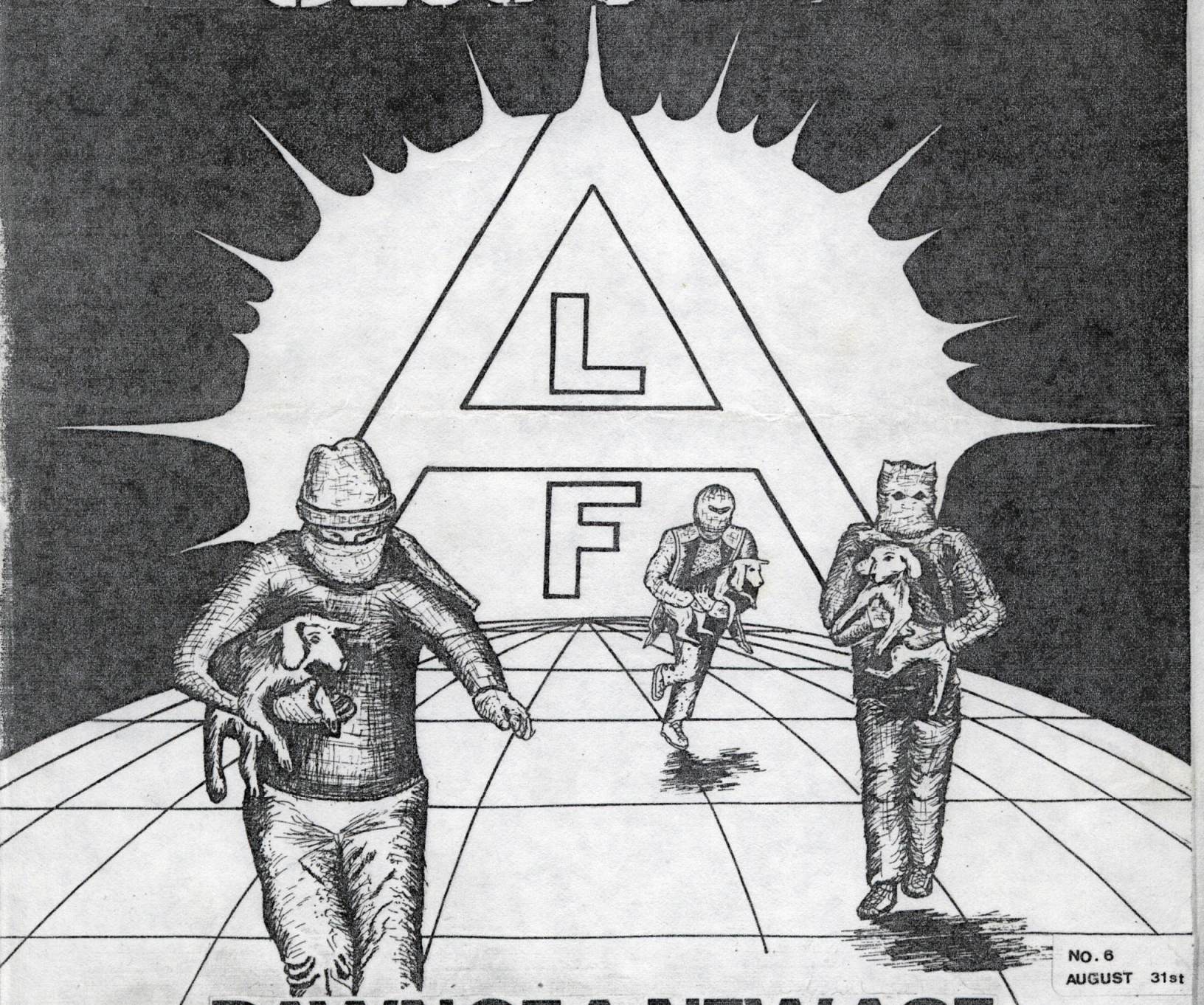
(i)ALF damage three Bradford furshops. 8/3/83**
(ii)International ALF(IALF) damage animal pound sending animals for vivisection. Ontario,Canada. 14/3/83**
(iii)ALF raid Portsmouth Polytechnic-rescue 60 mice being kept for vivisection.17/3/83
(iv)ALF damage shop selling items made from animals, Market St., St.Andrews. 20/3/83.
(v)IALF damage property belonging to Fisheries Office, Scarborough Animal Pound(which sends animals for vivisection) and two meat companies. 28/3/83.
(vi)ALF rescue 45 rats and 10 mice from Queen Elizabeth school, Wimborne due for dissection. 1/4/83.
(vii)ALF rescue an alsation dog in seriously ill condition left inside empty house in Nottingham. 3/4/83.
(viii)ALF unit raid a poultry farm/broiler house at Higher Bockhampton, Nr.Dorchester. 54 chickens rescued and now in good homes. 3/4/83.
(ix)ALF unit raid Springate Farm, Bicknacre, Essex and rescue 25 chicks. Several other farms in area damaged in night attacks. 3/4/83. Chicks now well and in good homes.
(x) ALF severely damage Strand Scientific Ltd., Bridge St., Sandiacre. This Company manufactures equipment for animal experimentation. Company now taken on (and paying) for extra security staff. 8/4/83.
(xi)ALF raid HG Rabbitry near Oldham, Lancs and rescue 18 rabbits due to go to vivisection labs. 14/4/83.
(xii)ALF raid Balbeggie Kennels in Fife and rescue 10 pregnant beagles. Kennels supply animals for vivisection. 14/4/83.
(xiii)IALF destroy trapping system to catch songbirds migrating. Malta. 16/4/83.
(xiv)Biorex Labs., Islington,London raided by ALF and damaged. 10/4/83.
(xv)Shops in S.W.London displaying circus posters requested to remove them. Several of these openly supported animal abuse in circuses and were damaged by ALF. Two in Streatham, Two in Tooting, 15/4/83.
(xvi)ALF damage three poultry farms near East Hanningfield, Essex. 16/4/83.
(xvii)Unit of 14 ALF activists raid Curwin Poultry Farm, Theale, Berks. 20 hens rescued and now in good homes. 16/4/83.
(xviii)Three furshops in Ottawa, Canada damaged by IALF. 16/4/83.
(xix)Machine valued at £5000 used by Lonsdale College, Derby for killing animals for dissection removed and destroyed by ALF. 21/4/83.
(xx)ALF damage two fur shops and butchers shop in Nottingham. 22/4/83.
(xxi)Door of leather shop cemented up in Beeston, Notts by ALF. 22/4/83.
(xxii)Strand Scientific Ltd (see (x).) in Sandiacre, Notts., damaged by ALF. 23/4/83.
(xxiii)ALF damage fur shop and fur dept. of Debenhams. 23/4/83. Derby.
(xxiv)ALF damage two large plate glass windows of Alma Furs, Wimbledon,London. 24/4/83
(xxv)ALF damage Hounslow branch of Boots. 24/4/83.
(xxvi)ALF paint anti-vivisection slogans on outside wall of May & Baker Research Labs, Dagenham, Essex. The wall runs alongside a busy railway line and clearly visible. The ALF also did this Summer 1982. 24/4/83.
(xxvii)Sussex University Research Dept. raided by ALF and two rabbits rescued.24/4/83.
(xxviii)Sheepskin manufacturer in Northampton has property damaged by ALF. 26/4/83.
(xxix)ALF raid Ferndown Upper School, Bournemouth and rescue eight mice due for dissection. Damage also done. 25/4/83.
(xxx)ALF active in Nottingham:- Three leather shops, three furshops, one shop manufacturing machinery for making furs, two butchers and Boots all damaged. 27/4/83. Also two butchers shops.
(xxxi)Taxidermist shop, Islington,London, damaged by ALF. 22/4/83.
(xxxii)Guinea pigs rescued from Sussex vivisection breeder. 27/4/83.
(xxxiii)Two fur shops in Haringey,London damaged by ALF. 20/4/83.
(xxxiv)ALF active in Burton-On-Trent:- Property belonging to Foxhunter, two butchers, Boots and Robirch Ltd (factory farming & slaughter firm) damaged. 29/4/83.
(xxxv)Furshop, Derby damaged by ALF. 1/5/83.
(xxxvi)ALF destroy 15 snares set to catch foxes, Hanningfield reservoir,Essex.2/5/83.
(xxxvii)OPERATION BRIGHT EYES..... 163 rabbits rescued from factory farm conditions in Scotland, Essex, Suffolk and Glos. Rabbits being bred for fur & meat.
(xxxviii)HQ of British Fur Traders in Canada together with other fur traders damaged by IALF in Canada.

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DAWN OF A NEW AGE

International Animal Liberation

Operation Valentine 'trial' at Chelmsford Court.

Those SG members who received the June 30th newsletter will have read one account of the 1st of the three trials. It was stated at the end of the article there was a 'retrial' and here follows a full account of the first trial by another person but also including the 'retrial'.:-

"...The Judge, Brian Watling soon made it very clear how seriously he viewed this case by only allowing the defendants bail at lunchtimes, and were in the presence of the solicitors because they were felt to be 'high security risk'(!). Watling is well known for his harsh sentencing. The trial lasted twelve days. The Pros (Prosecution) surprisingly was prepared to allow evidence of what was happening in the labs. much to Watling's annoyance.
There was photographic evidence for the trial - one lot was admissable as the photographer(Steve Bent) was available and the others not admissible as the photographer - Furey - was in Sth.Africa. At the end of the trial, the jury acquited three of the defendants on all charges and acquited one defendant on all charges except the charge of conspiracy to commit criminal damage. The jury however could not decide on this charge nor the charges on the five other defendants. A retrial was therefore necessary.
Only on the Friday before the retrial was to begin on the Monday, further charges of criminal damage and theft were added to the other charges. The def.(defence)made loud objections to this but Watling allowed this to go ahead. Throughout both trials, Watling would not concede one point for the def. The day following the beginning of the retrial, the jury was dismissed as it was discovered one of them was the wife of a policeman giving evidence(!!). The prosecution - for the third time - yet again gave the opening speech. The pros. at great expense had flown Furey from South Africa to make his photographs admissible. The retrial was fraught with arguments and tension as the def. itself was apparently becoming more committed to the Animal Rights cause - one of the barristers gave a beautiful speech including a quote from a vicar of how we are spiritually impaired if animals are exploited - Watling then said he'd make sure he would never visit the Church of that vicar - and that even the Devil could misquote Scripture - Watling as can be seen was hardly unbiased [illegible].

Extra witnesses were called for the retrial including "animal welfare technicians" from Life Science itself. The first one described how dogs were brought in large numbers to LSRC and were fed in the morning, given their poison for that day and then observe them for the following three weeks when they were dying. This was all related in a way that it was perfectly acceptable way of earning a living. Evidence from the first trial was brought in and the def. proved the police who arrested the defendants were lying about their movements. Numerous contradictory evidence from the police followed. One detective seargeant admitted that none of the "heavies" with balaclavas and iron bars had been arrested.
After twelve days the jury went out and after six hours returned with verdicts of guilty to conspiracy to steal on four, criminal damage on two defedants, and one was acquitted.

The defendants were physically and mentally exhausted after these two long trials and many had to travel long distances every morning and every evening to Chelmsford. Those in employment took unpaid leave, some almost lost their jobs and one actually did. Some defendants were very stoical about their financial hardships and one rather than ask the SG for help thinking the money raised through it would be needed by "People worse off than her" sold her record player and watch(a birthday present) to pay her fares to Court every day. All defendants got into serious arrears with reht or mortgages. There of course will be the hefty legal costs and fines to pay.

When the financial situation is clearer and finally settled, the SG will make a major and very large contribution to these costs. Because of the activists who took part in Operation Valentine, a tremendous amount of damage was done causing great hardship for LSRC and many animals were rescued and escaped the clutches of the "Animal welfare technicians" and "Scientists"(??) in the LSRC.

***The animals rescued from Life Science Research Centre aren't calling the ALF "Criminals."..... ***

Operation Valentine at Chelmsford Court - Trial 2.

Here follows the account of the second trial. It may be helpful to give a few details about Judge Watling. Members who received the June newsletter will know that he stated openly that he supported vivisection and was "glad that it existed". He was a Government Prosecutor for the Director of Public Prosecutions [illegible] He appeared to have a fear of anything radical. He is married with no children or animals and one of his hobbies is fly-fishing - i.e. he is a fish torturer. He is also a Church lay preacher and appears to almost have an Old Testament attitude to animals - i.e. they can be sacrificed for man's benefit.

The prosecution was opened by Spencer Q.C. but as he was standing in a Council election, his place was taken by O'Brien who ironically runs a donkey sanctuary. The jury after the challenging which is allowed, comprised of six men, all fairly young and six women, three of whom were also fairly young and three were middle-aged/elderly. The prosecution explained the situation of the cover demo and the raid which took place during this. He explained that even if the defendants did not take part in the raid, they did nothing to stop it (!). Those on trial were Peter S, Steve B, Janet M, Cathy S, Marion A, David S, and Dave R,. The charges were as follows- conspiracy to commit damage, conspiracy to steal, damage, theft, handling, and as an alternative to handling - 'dishonestly associating in the retention of stolen goods'. The last one ensured all defendants would be found guilty - i.e. they were being compared with a 'look-out' for a burglar.

The prosecution made it quite clear that it was felt that the rear-gate demo. was to secure and ensure safe exit for the raiders. The Pros. also made a great deal of the fact that all the terrible experiments carried out by Life Science Research Centre (LSR) were in accordance with the Law. It was also pointed out that the raid had been planned a while before it took place, and arrangements had been made to meet up with Press men.

Police photos. were shown to the jury,in addition to those taken by freelance photo-grapher Steve Bent. It was also explained how various items such as wire cutters, bolt cutters, paint stripper and hammers were found after the raid. The raid was pictured as pure vandalism. Later Spencer, explained how the police had arrived and chased vehicles through the nearby countryside. A map showing where the vehicles were was totally incorrect as the vehicles were some distance from the map positions.

The pros. made a great deal out of the tools found in Steve B's vehicles and went on at length about how they saw two of the vehicles were working in liason. Steve B was pictured as an organiser as he had hired the vans and telephoned many people, asking them to come to the peaceful demo. Photos. of Steve were shown to the jury and it was explained how the police had to mount a high-speed chase after his van. The pros. made it quite clear because of all this, he was clearly guilty. The jury were also told of how Steve attempted to obtain LSR documents at Chelmsford police station saying they were his own. These documents gave instructions of how dogs were to be forced fed poison. Steve admitted trying to get these as he knew these would be useful in exposing LSR. Steve told the jury this was the only 'unlawful' thing he had done/attempted to do.

Watling frequently interrupted the proceedings giving his view as to what was being said. At times one was justified in wondering why the System had even bothered to get a jury. This was done to "guide"(??) the jury.

Steve was found guilty of both conspiracy charges.

Peter S pleaded guilty originally to the two conspiracy charges.

** "..I often wonder why it is considered an honour to belong to a race that has vivisectors in it....."(Mark Twain).

The case against Marion A was that she was an experienced demonstrator, and despite the Pros.'s attempt to involve her in the raid, she was acquitted.
Janet M was seem in several photos. shown to the jury and the Pros. pointed out how she was standing in the peaceful demonstration, looking into the LSR complex and making no attempt to stop the damage or animal liberation (!). The pros. said this made her guilty. They also pointed out the photos. showing her running with people carrying liberated dogs. Janet was in fact simply looking for an associate who had come to the demo and the jury accepted this and acquitted her.
With regard to Cathy S, she was found with a document from the dog-dosing folder. She explained that someone had given this to her and she thought it was Anti-Vivisection literature and had no idea it was a document belonging to the LSR torture centre. Despite there being no evidence against her, the jury found her guilty of handling stolen documents.
The jury were shown photos. of David S carrying a liberated dog and the pros. attempted to make him a co-conspirator despite there being no evidence to suggest this. David was found guilty of theft and sentenced to 200 hours community service.
During the (so-called) trial, the pros. frequently used military terms - 'platoons', 'recruiting se rgeants; 'squads', etc;.
Dave R was not so much involved - i.e. he had come to the demo and left it in his own car. He was arrested at his home by Surrey police in the night. It was fascin ating to hear the pros. detailing how the liberated dogs were going with and to so many people and when the number was totalled, it was DOUBLE the number of dogs actually liberated and LSR admit had been 'removed'. This was a somewhat pathetic attempt - and an amateurish attempt at that - to involve as many activists/demonstrators as possible. As can be seem, it back-fired on them !

The Pros. case was made worse by one witness originally not mentioning one demonstrators' car, then at the committal hearing saying that he saw it and then during the trial itself giving an amazing description of it - colour, reg.no., even marks on it. Dave R was acquitted.
The Pros. witnesses included a neighbour and employee of LSR who was truly a very energetic person - she telephoned the security office, the chief security Officer, LSR director and police and made frequent visits into her front garden to see what was happening, and took down vehicle reg.no!s. and found tools used by the raiders - all in a very very short time. The Security guard also gave evidence admitting he left the front gate open whilst the demo. was going on (!). He said there had been demos. previously but "nothing like this had ever happened before"(!). The photographers gave evidence also but said nothing that wasn't known already. The Pros. admitted that Steve B's van was NOT where the police had stated it had been.
Several other Pros. witne sses gave 'evidence' and a lot of what they said was contradictory. Some evidence' given by some witnesses was so contradictory , the Defence did not even bother to question them. Evidence by the Police then followed and for the prosecution some of this was disast rous. There were so many contradictions - i.e. the police stated they had tried to overtake Steve B's van but said they had radioed for a road block - the defence pointed out this was rather strange - surely if a road block had been arranged, the thing to do would be to stay behind the van being chased (ie to 'sandwich' it at the road block) ? The police stated the car had 'Police' on the front so the driver in front knew he was being chased - in fact the police car was only marked on the side - not visible to a vehicle in front. The Defence ripped a good deal of their 'evidence' to pieces. Inevitably, the Defence said to one of the Officers " You just thought of that didn't you ? It was the first thing that came into your mind ?" And the Officer replied "Yes". At this, there was loud laughter from the Courtroom! The Police evidence was so poor, the prosecution admitted they had been mistaken and Watling was very angry at this. He in fact wanted them to give their evidence again (presuming they would 'get it right' prosecution-wise a second time !). More witnesses followed and the Defence and Prosecution gave their closing speeches and Watling 'summed up' directing the jury in the same vein as he had been doing throughout the whole trial. The verdict of the jury of the seven defendants have already been detailed above.

"...Vivisectors are a race of wretches, who, with knives, poison and many other contrivances of torture, pretend to get knowledge at the expense of their own humanity.... "(Dr.Johnson).

ALF raid on East Midlands Battery Farm.

SG members may recall the mention of a highly successful ALF raid on a battery farm in a previous newsletter where details of the farm could not be given as the owner had not realised he had been raided. Because of this, there is a good possibility the ALF may return and complete a similiar raid. Details of this raid now follow but for reasons given already, location etc; are not included.

The factory farm chosen was in the East Midlands - the farm is a particularly vile place as it not only keeps battery hens but cattle in really terrible conditions. The cattle are kept in cold open near-derelict barns and the floors of these 'barns' are covered in rubbish and manure and apparently never cleaned out. In some places, it was nearly two foot deep. Our group saw the animals could hardly move.

Our group consisted of six members and discussed what we intended to do on a Saturday night. We had to decide what member would take what action during the raid. We all decided ALF action was really necessary in the case of this farm. We set off in two cars and a van. The vehicles parked in the agreed places and before seperating to do this, we again quickly discussed what was to be done by each one of us.

The van was stopped near the farm to unload crates and the two cars parked well away from the farm. The van, after the unloading, was then driven off to a place well out of sight. Two of our group were in the van and they were first to reach the farm battery complex. Keeping to the time schedule, the four remaining members reached the battery units and the units had now been opened by the first two members. The smell was almost overpowering.

The unit was literally packed solid with chickens - thousands of them with no room to move - five birds were packed into cages no more than 18" x 12" x 12". There was not even enough room for them to turn around - all they could do was just stand there. We found many chickens dead and some of them had been dead so long they were rotting and falling through the cage floors - there were living ones (If their lives can be called "living") with the dead ones. We quickly but carefully put sixty-two chickens into the crates which had been brought along. One of the group was standing outside the unit watching the owner's house to warn us if anyone came out but fortunately no one did. When we got the 'all-clear' signal, we picked up the crates and carried them across the fields as quickly and quietly as possible. With great relief we reached the van. The chickens were then put onto the van. One of our group ran to a car and picked up the members remaining except one who went to the other car. We then all drove off. The chickens were then taken to a safe home and left in a garage, the floor of which had been covered in hay. We then left them to rest. We did not do any damage to the farm incidentally as (a)there was little to damage as it was in such a disgusting state anyway ! (b)We did not think it appropriate. Normally, the animals have to be safely away before damage is done - this is the priority. I note from previous SG newsletter accounts, it usually concludes "the animals were taken to good homes - the end" and it maybe a good opportunity to detail in greater detail what happens after liberation.

The chickens were taken out of the crates in the garage and simply stood there initially bewildered by this new freedom. The next day, they saw natural daylight for the first time in their natural lives. When we went into the garage, the chickens were already building nests out of the hay. One was extremely ill but after a visit to the vet she made a speedy recovery after a lot of care and attention. It was surprising how quickly they adapted to their new freedom and they were taken to their new homes. Several 'deliveries' were necessary - some being 60 miles away. They are now safe and well - and very much enjoying their lives.

"Cruelty to animals is one of the most significant vices of a low and ignoble people... Cruelty to animals cannot exist with true education and true learning". (A.Von Humboldt).

The ALF and the Animal Abusers - who are the real "thugs"?

After an ALF action takes place, an animal abuser invariably makes a statement in an attempt to defend animal abuse. Frequently it is suggested the ALF uses 'brute force' to bring about the situation it believes is right. The animal abuser often uses the somewhat weak statement "The ALF are indeed entitled to their viewpoint - but so are we....". This strongly implies the ALF is not interested in personal freedom nor the right to live as one wishes.

It doesn't require too much intelligence to realise there is at least one factor obviously missing in this argument - it isn't just the animal abuser and the ALF involved - there is also a third party involved - very much 'involved' - the animals themselves. The animal abuser gives the picture that he or she firmly believe that what is being done is 'right' and they are responsible and very moral people. They very rarely mention that their "work" which they feel is so very 'right' involves the breeding, purchasing/selling, torturing, mutilating and the murder of many many animals. The animal abuser pathetically pleads his/her case stating the ALF are 'bully boys' and somewhat conveniently omit to mention how totally tyrannical their "work" is. They attempt to state their case but become quite paranoic when the ALF reciprocate the same action. Their arguments are deceitfully one-sided and this surely illustrates the type of mind (if any) that they possess. Bringing the whole argument down to terms so simple that even an animal abuser should understand, the ALF simply does what the animals would wish to do themselves - get out of the torture establishments in which they are held and do as much damage as possible to (i)show their anger at what is being done (ii) To delay/prevent further animal abuse by the damage caused and the money which will be required for repairs etc;.

The animal abuser will frequently put forward the argument that the ALF are not concerned with human well-being - putting the animal first and that the ill, the elderly and the very young are unimportant and of no consequence. They put themselves forward as the moral, the just and those striving and giving up so much to help their fellow humans. What - yet again - they 'conveniently' do not mention is that the actions INCREASE human suffering and does NOT reduce it. (E.g. flesh-eating causes disease from what is eaten and mass starvation elsewhere. Vivisection simply produces yet more and more products which are simply duplications of those already available - just with a different trade name). All that REALLY matters to the animal abuser is that the profit is very substancial. Have you ever come across a poor vivisector ? Go into the ultra wealthy areas of either town, city or country, find the most expensive properties with the most expensive attachments - and there you will find the average vivisector, factory farmers, etc; etc;. Their properties and all that they possess, purchased with the blood of sentient animals and their accompanying screams.

Animal Rights demonstrations frequently include the chant of "Animal Liberation is OUR liberation" and indeed this is so. Animal Liberation will lay the found--ation of a caring responsible and democratic society. While animal abuse exists, any hope of a better society is futile. Are members of the ALF selfish idealists with their priorities "a little mixed up" - do they care nothing for their fellow humans suffering ? The answer is a clear and very obvious "NO" - as illustrated above, animal liberation will create a better and healthier world. Those SG members who received the first newsletter will see in the account of the Boots raid that one ALF member was disabled, there were two sponsored walks for the ALF in 1982 by a disabled person and at every demonstration, disabled people are present. The pure fantasy of the ALF being selfish thugs is just that - pure 100% fantasy and a total lie. The Animal Rights Campaign is truly unique in that it includes supporters of all groups, ages, nationalities, political outlooks, etc;. It is too important to be tainted with the corruption of petty human politics.

The animal abusers can shout their lies but any thinking person will see through them. The ALF will continue its fast-growing campaign against the obscenity of animal abuse and will be a part of the situation that eliminates ALL animal suffering despite the useless attempt of the animal abusers to justify their abominations.

"The human is the only animal that blushes - and has need to..."(Mark Twain).

(i)Artists For Animals is an organisation which arranges concerts etc; and raises money by these events for the SG. If you live in London or the Home Counties and can spend a little time putting up AFA posters, AFA would be very pleased to hear from you. Helping with the advertising will increase the number of people attending AFA events and thereby increase the money AFA can give the SG. Although it may be difficult to visualize, helping with AFA advertising will directly help ALF activists and therefore help the animals they are fighting for. Please do try and help - if you can help, please write to the SG writing AFA at the top of your letter and this will then be passed on to AFA. Please give your daytime telephone number (if any).Thanks.

(ii)Please send in any newspaper cuttings mentioning ALF direct action. This is of great use to the ALF/ALF(SG). Please send in the cutting(not a copy) with the date and name of the publication.

(iii)SG postcards showing four 1982 highly successful ALF actions are available. These cost 10p each or 10 for 75p. There are many many"people" these can be sent to and you can advise them of your own feelings on animal rights.....

(iv)The SG is delighted to report how far membership has spread - members now exist in USA, Canada, France,Sweden,Finland,Germany,Spain,Sth Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, etc; etc;. Surely good proof of how popular direct action against animal abuse is !

(v)The SG would be very grateful if ALL correspondence includes a membership number. The SG is receiving money from members giving just their forenames and in some cases just their initials(with no address). There is no way these members can be traced in view of the size of the SG now, so please always state your number(and preferably your name also).If you are changing address, please let the SG have plenty of notice.

(vi) Difficulties also arise when money is received but there is no note stating what it is for. Please advise whether it is a SG subscription or a donation. Thank you. Some SG members also change from paying by standing order to manually whilst others find paying by standing order preferable to sending money in monthly. If members do change their method of payment, please let the SG know as a great deal of time is spent trying to ascertain why standing order members are sending in money and why members paying manually are not sending anything in.

(vii)The "Mink Liberation Photo.Collection" is now available to SG members.The collection includes three 9"x7"(approx) photographs of ALF activists raiding the New World Mink Farm, Canewdon, Southend, Essex on 22/8/82 (i)Cutting through the perimeter wire (ii)Opening mink cages (iii)Carrying cages containing the mink later liberated. The Collection is £7.50 (or any one photo - £3).
Not an offer to be missed.....

(viii)Please remember to write to the newspapers when an ALF action takes place - this is VERY important. Please don't wait for an animal abuser condemning the action to have their letter printed.

(ix)If you are paying manually and the newsletter envelope flap states "DUE" in red, this means several payments are due. The month the last payment was received will also be stated alongside. If this does occur, please send in what is outstanding.If no payments are received within the month following, no further newsletters will be sent.

(x)The ALF have asked the SG to thank all those generous members who have sent in money to help those people arrested in connection with actions detailed in "Diary of Actions" in previous newsletters.

"....The cats were staggering about with terrible wounds...all were suffering horribly. I have been brought up in a fairly rough school but I must say that had it not been for the gentlemen(there).... I WOULD HAVE SMASHED THE WHOLE PLACE UP....."
(Ex M.P. John Bromley referring to a visit to a London vivisection lab.)

(xi)ALF(SG) members will know of the terrible suffering involved in the miserable business of trading animals for vivisection. One of the worst offenders of this has got to be Shamrock Farms in Sussex. Did you know that at any one time there can be up to 700 monkeys in small metal cages there awaiting torture and painful death. Did you know that most of these were at one time wild and free ? Did you know that every three weeks yet another planeload will land in London ? The export sales last year alone were £450,000 i.e. £450,000 worth of misery, torture and agonising death. Shamrock farms have experimented with monkeys to determine the minimum amount of 'care' they need to keep them alive - for the laboratories. The address of Shamrock Farms is Small Dole, Henfield, Sussex, BN5 9XE. The Directors are:- (Veterinary)George Tribe, 3 Teal Close, Horsham, E.Sussex. (Managing) R.E.Hackett. (Shareholder & Founder) E.V.Lonsdale, 9 Colebrook Rd., Brighton, Sussex, (Sales) P.R.Savage, 49 Hills Rd., Steyning, Sussex. (Office & Personnel)Mrs F Bradshaw, 47 Coombe Rd., Steyning, Sussex. The Chief Technician (who wrote up the report of monkeys dying from cold) - Arthur Wellburn, 146 Hillside, Brighton, Sussex. Farm Manager - C.G.Wallis, South Cottage, Flint House, New Hall Lane, Henfield Rd., Small Dole, Sussex. Workers - David Spencer & Sarah Hopkins, Centre Flat, Victoria House, Small Dole, Sussex. David A Bassett, 11 Hawthorne Close, Horsham, Sussex.

(xii)The SG has previously mention the Animal Protection Association of 1 Claremont, Newlaithes Rd., Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 4LG who do really excellent work for the animals and are extremely successful in fund raising (due to the hard work put in by members). They have asked the SG to point out there is NO connection with another organisation using the same initials (APA) i.e. the "Animal Protection Alliance".

(xiii)Self-adhesive 'stickers' are available (in lots of 100) and these are only 70p per 100. The three types available are:-

(1)Animal Liberation is OUR liberation - Support the Animal Liberation Front.

(2)The Animal Liberation Front - Fighting in the front line for the animals now.

(3)Animal Liberation Front - Direct Action Against All Animal Abuse.

Please (a)Allow up to six weeks for delivery (b)Enclose a stamped addressed envelope. (Some members have generously sent in extra money to cover postage, but the SG would still appreciate an addressed envelope in this case albeit not stamped as this saves the SG a great deal of time - Thanks.).

(xiv)At the time of this newsletter being printed, several activists from the Operation Valentine trials who were sentenced to imprisonment have been released through appeal. The two remaining in prison are Peter Sales(6 months imprisonment) and Steve Boulding(15 months). Writing to prisoners is VERY important but as the situation is unclear at present - i.e. they may be released on appeal or be moved to other prisons, it may not be wise to give the prison details - if possible and there is 'room' in later parts of the newsletter, and the situation is clearer, the SG will endeavour to include a 'stop press' on this. PLEASE always try and attend trials where activists are on trial - this is VERY important and not only is it supportive to the activists, it affects publicity and sometimes even the jury(and their verdict).

(xv)A special badge is available to those members who help the SG by:- (i)Getting a new (standing order) member (ii)Holding a fund raising event which raises £24 or more (iii)Having a letter printed in a newspaper etc; supporting the ALF and ALF direct action. If you can do either (i)(ii)(iii), please try and do so and send the standing order form / cheque / newspaper cutting in with your membership number and the "Active Supporter" badge will be sent to you.

"....The pain which (vivisection)inflicts upon unconsenting animals is the basis of my enmity without looking further. It is so distinctly a matter of feeling with me, and is so strong and so deeply rooted in my make and constitution, that I am sure I could not even see a vivisector vivisected with anything more than a sort of qualified satisfaction....." (Mark Twain).

(xvi) As stated in the previous(June 30th) newsletter, the SG would be very grateful if members would only write in when totally necessary - i.e. change of address, etc;. More and more time is being spent on answering questions etc;, and eventually the SG may not be able to deal with any letters and these may include important ones. Hopefully, the newsletters themselves'bridge the gap' between the ALF and its supporters and answer most of the points frequently raised.

(xvii)The SG has received enquiries over the year about T-shirts with pro-ALF slogans. The SG has deliberately avoided getting 'heavily' involved in goods and 'orders' as it is quite easy to become so involved in these aspects and no longer be able to pursue the important thing - animal liberation. However an animal rights group not connected with the ALF or ALF(SG) has now produced black T-shirts with a white picture - an ALF activist holding a liberated beagle - under this being the words "Support the Animal Liberation Front". The shirts are only £3.50 each postage etc;. 50p for 1 shirt, £1 for 2 and free for orders for more than five. (i.e. £1 postage for 2, 3, 4 or 5 T-shirts). To order:-

(1)Enclose an addressed envelope(not stamped)- this should be clearly written as it will be stuck onto the packaging when the shirt(s) is/are sent.
(2)Enclose a cheque or postal order(NOT cash) payable to the "A.L.F.(S.G)."
(3)Send the order to:- Action for Animals,
452 Havering Road,
Romford,
Essex,
RM1 4HR.

Please:- (i)Allow up to 5 weeks for delivery.
(ii)Note this is an offer from an organisation that is not connected and is independent of the ALF and ALF(SG) and therefore no correspondence or enquiries should be sent to the ALF or ALF(SG) regarding this offer.

(xviii) Members living, travelling to (or through) Warwickshire may wish to note there is a place there NOT to visit. This is Southam Zoo, Daventry Rd., Southam, Warwickshire. This 'zoo' was started up in the mid-sixties by a farmer and his wife. It was purchased several years ago by Raymond Graham-Jones - a circus owner and "animal trainer". The zoo breeds various hybrids and anyone who has had the misfortune to see this hell on earth will confirm the terrible conditions in which the animals suffer. The zoo has received bad publicity in the past (an indication of how bad it really is) and one national newspaper featured this place in an article about the worst zoos in the country.

Why not write and show your disgust at places like this ? (The animals can't write and protest - but YOU can.)

(xix)The SG is delighted to advise members that direct action against animal abuse has now literally spread over the whole world.Previous newsletters have detailed actions abroad and this newsletter can report that direct action has now started in South Africa. Since April 1983, several businesses selling ivory from elephants were severely damaged. A fur shop was also damaged. The spokesperson for the group who did this said to the Press who widely covered the action "We speak for the animals who cannot speak for themselves...".
Dawn of a new era - International Animal Liberation ? - It certainly seems so.....

"...Forbid the day when vivisections shall be practised in every college and school. When the man of science, looking forth over a world which will then own no other sway than his, shall exult in the thought that he has made of this fair earth, if not a heaven for man, at least a hell for the animals....."
(Lewis Carrol(Charles Dodgson).).

Diary of ALF actions.

(i)May 3rd. ALF damage part of Boots building (Animal Research Labs.) in Pennyfoot St., Nottingham .

(ii)Also in Nottingham on same date, three furshops have at least one window (each) smashed by ALF. (Lafayettes, Ralphs & Skincraft).

(iii)4th May. ALf rescue ten mice from Ferndown Upper School, Wiltshire.

(iv)6th May. ALF raid guinea-pig breeding centre (Porcellus, Heathfield,Sussex) and rescue a number of guinea-pigs. The guinea pigs were found with teeth clipped sore feet and ragged ears - they were kept in wire cages with no bedding, food or water. Spokesperson for Porcellus refused to show reporters around and then refused to make any comment on the matter.

(v)7th May. ALF damage property belonging to vivisector F.Y.Liew employed by Wellcome Animal Torture Centre, Beckenham, Kent. His experiments on mice had been published in a magazine. ALF Comment:-"We intend to escalate our campaign".

(vi)6th May. ALF remove gerbil from Downton School, Wiltshire and guarantee to return it ONLY after an assurance was given that the school did not permit any dissection - the assurance was given and the gerbil returned.

(vii)ALF rescue 70 mice from Brockenhurst College, Hampshire. Damage also done to property. 7th May.

(viii)9th May. ALF damage Deborahs Fur shop, Newmarket.

(ix)10th May. Hobart, Australia. 18 cats rescued from University of Tasmania. The cats were due to be vivisected. Residents near the university had previously reported cats 'vanishing without trace'.

(x)Demonstrators rescue two hens - both in a very poor condition - from cages at Devon Eggs Battery Farm, Prestbury, Cheshire during a NALL demonstration. (NB. Four people arrested - enquiries to NALL, c/o 39 Steeple St., Macclesfield).

(xi)(Information). Toxicol Labs.,(Bromyard Rd., Ledbury) are now having to use a 24-hour a day guard due to direct action in last 8 months, "Protected by high fences and alarms, these have failed to deter raiding anti-vivisectionists" (Press).13/5/83. 14/5/83

(xii)15th May. ALF smash window of Crimpers International Furshop, Worcester.

(xiii)13th May. Teenage Animal Rights direct action group raid Cecil Jones school and rescue 120 animals (rats,mice and gerbils). £120 worth of cages also removed. Animals rescued were due for dissection.(Southend, Essex.)

(xiv)16th May. ALF severely damage Renonax Fur shop, Ross-On-Wye. ALF group responsible warn of further attacks.

(xv)16th May. ALF raid Corfe Hills School, Poole, Dorset and rescue two gerbils from biology classroom laboratory cage. Same situation as in (vi).

(xvi)19th May. ALF damage five shops/businesses involved in animal abuse, in Boscombe.

(xvii) 21st May. ALF damage property belonging to Upjohns of Crawley - licensed by the Home Office to carry out vivisection."Animal Murderers" painted on walls.

(xviii) 23rd May. South African direct action group for Animal Rights continue campaign by damaging shops selling fur and ivory. This was third direct action in only two months.

"....Does it not seem that those who are cruel to animals are diseased ? Ought they not to be secluded in MENTAL HOMES ?....."(Medicus.Daily Mirror.27/8/28)

(xix)ALF rescue 64 chickens from Love Eggs Ltd.,Leigh Rd., Boothstown, NR. Worsley. Chickens taken to good homes . On entering the farm, there were many dead chickens on the floor. 25th May.

(xx)26th May. Boots, High St., Hounslow damaged by ALF. Slogans painted on walls "Stop Animal Experiments", "Stop the Killing" etc;. This was the 3rd attack.

(xxi)26th May. ALF damage George Rose fur shop, Green Lane, Derby.

(xxii)31st May. ALF damage Copse Hill Farm, Sturminster Newton, North Dorset and rescue 37 cockrels from this broiler house farm. Cockrels destined for slaughter.

(xxiii) 11th May. Joshua Taylor's Fur shop, Newmarket, damaged with red paint.

(xxiv)19th May. Two butchers shops daubed with red paint in Cambridge.

(xxv) 28th May. ALF severely damage butchers shops and the Frans Buitlaars Slaughter-house, Boston Lincs. ALF also damage Phoenix Battery Egg Farm, Boston.

(xxvi)31st May. ALF rescue 37 chickens from Tophill Factory Farm, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

(xxvii)3rd June. ALF cell raid Winchester College and rescue 40 rats & mice and five toads. Damage also done.

(xxviii)10th June. ALF rescue 16 hens ffom North Gorley Poultry Farm, New Forest.

(xxix)12th June. ALF damage butchers shop, Morden, Surrey.

(xxx)ALF raid Ferndown Upper School and rescue eight mice from laboratory - the mice were for dissection. Damage also done. 13th June.

(xxxi)20th June. ALF damage Rangerover belonging to Thythburns Broiler Farm, Nr. Woking, Surrey and rescue 13 young chicks.

(xxxii)ALF severely damage three empty broiler houses, Copse Hill Farm, Sturminster Newton. "Fittings in one of the broiler houses were badly damaged"(Press). 21/6/83.

(xxxiii)6th June. ALF rescue 30 mice and 10 rats due for dissection from school. Kingston-on-Thames.

(xxxiv)June 16th. ALF rescue 62 hens from Battery Farm at Latchingdon, Essex.

Stop. Press.

At the time of this newsletter going to print, Peter Sales and Steve Boulding are still in prison. Other activists have been fined, sentenced to community service,or imprisoned and released(pending appeal).
Those in the third trial were sentenced on 24th June - Randy Burrows imprisoned for three months and Brendan Delaney for four. Sue Boulding 3 months but suspended for 2 years. Gary Ashdown, Les Havard,Malcolm Leick and Carol Porter - 200 hours community service and £250 costs. Dick Shepherd - £150 fine with £50 costs or 30 days imprison-ment and Andrew Bailey - £250 fine with £50 costs.

Members may wish to note Mrs Angela Bill and Jason Ambrose, both of Ingatestone Rd., Stock, Nr. Chelmsford, Essex who took down vehicle numbers which subsequently led to the arrests of activists were given £150 and £50 'rewards' from public funds by Judge Watling.

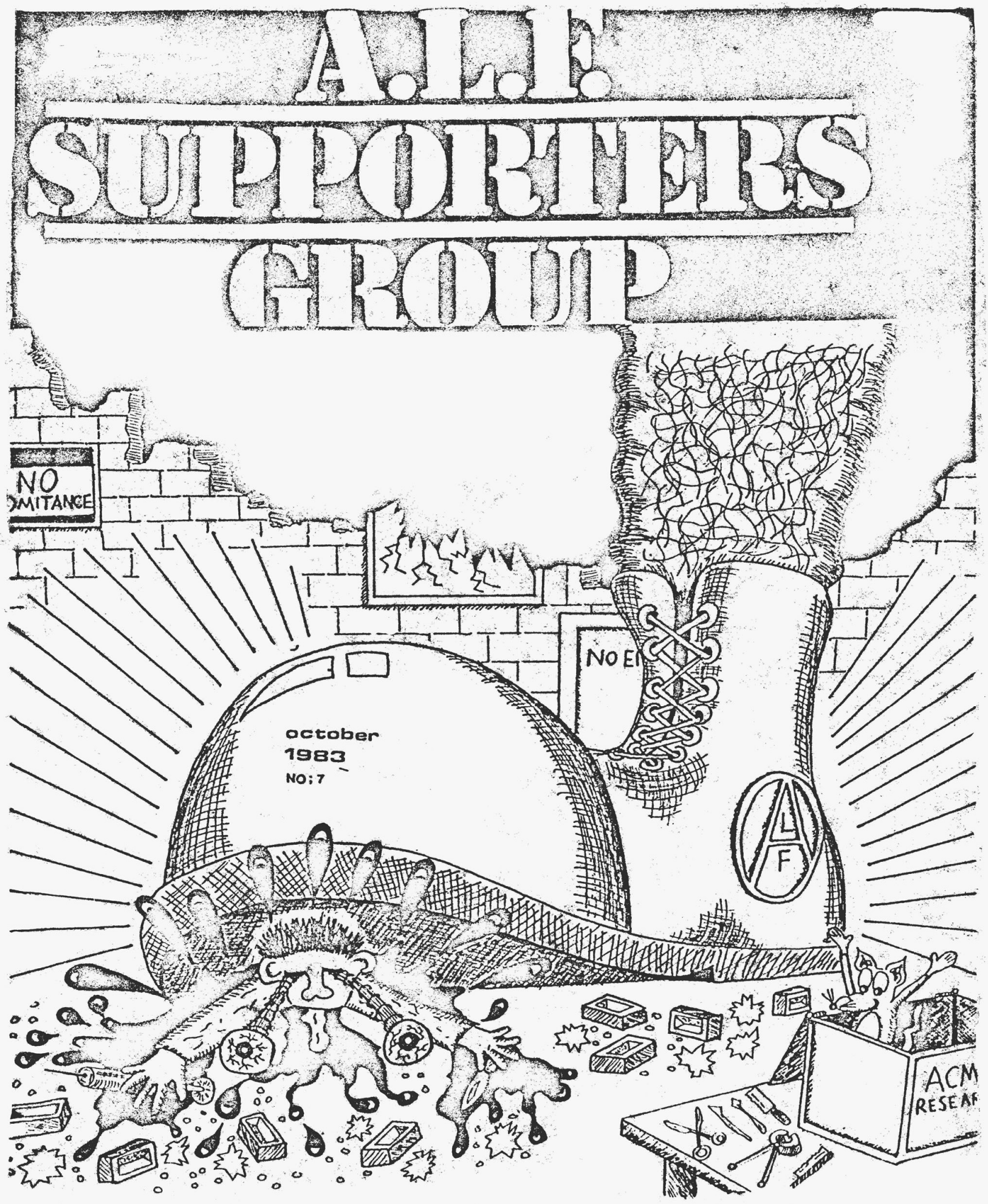
"...I can find no words to express the horror produced by simply reading the extracts from the records of these so-called experiments, and it is difficult for me to believe that any man outside of an asylum for the criminally insane, and not a degenerate,could be guilty of such hideous tortures....."(Daniel Beard).

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A.L.F. SUPPORTERS GROUP



THE A.L.F. – Stamping out animal abuse

Operation Valentine at Chelmsford Court - "Trial" 3.

The defendants in this (so-called) trial were Gary A, Randy B, Mike E, Sue B, Sue F, Les H, Malcolm L, Brendan D, Carol P, Dick S. Andy B was also on 'trial' but had pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge.
The first 2 days were taken up with arguing legal points on whether additional charges of actual damage and actual theft could be included. Les H had the extra charge of actual theft included.
There was a great deal of talk about whether the raid was a joint enterprise or a joint conspiracy - if anyone gave support to the masked raiders, whether moral, mental or physical - this was counted as conspiracy.

T.Furey a photographer present at the raid gave 'evidence' - on several occasions, he was found to be wrong in what he was saying. His partner Hyde, a journalist also gave evidence - saying there were 50 vehicles going in convoy to the Life Science Research Centre(LSR). !
Angela Bill also gave evidence - remembering details she had not stated originally in original statements. Another LSR neighbour, Mrs Hagger(ex Mrs Ambrose) also gave evidence. Her son, Jason said that he saw the fence being cut and had taken down vehicle numbers. Photographs showed some of the things he stated as quite incorrect - nevertheless the Judge praised him. Mr Hagger also gave 'evidence'.
The defendants barrister made it clear to the court that Sue B had asked for a solicitor during police questioning six times and police interviews were conducted after 20 hours without sleep or food. A solicitor for the defendants also stated she had not been allowed to see her clients until after police interviews.

Other witnesses gave evidence including the owner of the van hire firm from which vans for the peaceful demo had been hired. Various police officers also gave evidence, contradicting themselves on many occasions. When the van hire owner mentioned that Sue B's van had a grab rail inside it, one police officer went off very agitated and not long afterwards, a young PC who looked quite terrified and spoke like a robot, gave evidence saying he had remembered seeing the van that day and that it had a grab rail ! The next day, the jury were sent out as the police prosecution were apparently not too happy with the way things were going.....

Another PC gave evidence and was able to remember the smallest detail despite making his notebook notes out two months after the raid ! The police prosecution then examined the photographs taken, particularly interested in the one of the masked figure holding a liberated beagle. One police officer stated that she remembered going round to the passenger side of a van after the raid which had been stopped although a colleague had said the van had pulled in tightly against a hedge.

During the first week of the 'trial', several offers were made by the prosecuting counsel. Dick S admitted being guilty to a minor charge - so did Randy B. Carol P and Les H were 'offered' a plea of handling only, but they refused this. Sue B was offered a plea of one of the conspiracy charges only but it was never made clear which one this was and this was refused. Mike E was also offered " a deal" but turned it down.

In the situations where these 'offers' were being made, the defendants were given very little time to think about them - the "offer" of a defendant pleading guilty rather than innocent on more serious charges shows how very twisted and wholly corrupt the Law is in this Country. People's lives, livelihoods and freedom are treated like items in a Supermarket Bargain sale.

"The human being is a savage, It has always carried on its activities on the assumption that there was nobody else in the world to be considered..."
(J.Howard Moore)

Even after Randy B had pleaded guilty and was dismissed from the Court from the rest of the trial, the barristers fought hard to proveit wasn't him in the photographs taken. This attempt was unfortunately unsuccessful althought a great deal of time was spent on the issue.

The prosection was making a great deal of Sue B having a stanley knife on her when arrested. She explained that she had been using it to cut out cork wall tiles to shape the day before and told them that if closely examined, traces of cork would be found on it. The knife was put through forensic examination - the only item that was examined in this way - and what Sue B had said was shown to be true - much to the prosection's dismay.

During the trial Carol was reading out her statement to the court about the beagle puppy and started to cry - two members of the jury soon joined her in tears. In view of the number of people being tried, the defendants felt there was confusion over'who was who' and life would have been made easier (and fairer) if they could have worn name badges. When three of the defendants were not/no longer in the Court, the jurors would still turn to Les or Mike with accusing looks when the missing defendants' names were mentioned.

The Judge took a great deal of time to come 'to the point' in several matters and the atmosphere of the Courtroom was really charged. Some of the defendants said they felt like foxes and hares about to be torn to shreds in a hunt.

The defendants had been told that the prosecution was anxious to wind up the trial and it would most likely take 7-10 days. By the middle of the second week, the defendants became very anxious.

What is perhaps very disturbing in this whole matter is the number of defendants who told the SG that they felt very let down by the lack of interest and support by the Anti-Vivisection/Animal Rights organisations. They had made a great deal out of Operation Valentine but had done little to organise local groups to come down and give the moral support they so badly needed. Organising local groups to come down in groups of 10 or 20 would have taken little effort and even for just a half day would have meant so very much to those on 'trial' for the animals. Most of them felt very let down but expressed gratitude to those few people who turned up every day or almost every day to help them through this farcical episode. Many turned up at the time of sentencing but they were needed on the days when the trial was going on - they felt isolated and gained the impression that the Jury thought they were just an isolated group with no supporters. The defendants who spoke to the SG said that they hoped that if there was ever a trial like this one, ever again, the organisations would get support properly organised.

It is VERY important that when activists are on trial they are given the support they need and they deserve. If SG members learn of activists being 'tried' within 100-150 miles of them, PLEASE organise a rota of people to attend the trial and contact other groups to work out a plan to ensure support is ALWAYS present and that the Court is made well aware of it ! Supporting the Activists means you're supporting the animals they're fighting for - PLEASE DON'T LET THEM DOWN.

"....Claude Bernard(the father of modern vivisection) wrote 'The vivisector is no ordinary man. He is a learned man, a man possessed and absorbed by a saientific idea. HE DOES NOT HEAR THE ANIMALS' CRY OF PAIN. HE IS BLIND TO THE BLOOD THAT FLOWS. HE SEES NOTHING BUT HIS IDEA....."
(Introduction a l'Etude de la Medicine Experimentale).

My support for the Animal Liberation Front came about through realising that the animals I was trying to help through petitioning and leafletting would be dead in the hellhole factories and laboratories before most of my leaflets had even been read and the ink was dry on my petition(s). What concerned me so much was the fact that so many many animals could die in agony before I alerted one apathetic individual to the facts of animal abuse. I saw that the brave ALF activists who go in by the 'back door' are saving lives and the people who home the animals liberated by the ALF are exchanging a nightmare existence for a life of freedom and care.

The vivisectors and factory farmers are protected by the magic word 'profit' - damaging their own personal property, the animal abuse property and their own public image - forcing them to repair the damage, to pay for their dishonest propanganda and making them go on the defensive are very worthwhile activities. What a vast change in so short a time ! Not long ago, the animal abusers had nothing/little to fear - now when interviewed they dare not even give their names - they have been shown up for what they are - frightened sadistic cowards. I believe so very strongly in liberating the animals but I know how few homes exist for them and without homes there can be no liberation.

There is a debate on whether the ALF should damage animal abuse property and equipment - but why the debate ? I wonder what the feelings would be of those who baulk at this, were they to see the diabolical cruelties inflicted on the animals by laboratory equipment, battery cages, etc; ? What is so sacred about property that the victims can be removed but the instruments of torture left untouched ? We should wish that the ALF grows to such numbers that an entire farm or laboratory could be cleared of animals at one time and left wrecked from top to bottom. No life must ever be harmed - animal or human, but the message must be heard so loud and so very clear - "Get the Animals OUT". The 'public' slurping down their roasted chicken and downing their valium are not going to give up their 'pleasures' without a struggle and legislation will simply take too many years - and too many lives.

All methods of protest, whether legal or illegal have their place and together they will eventually raise conciousness, but the animals cannot wait - they have waited far too long already.

Those who cannot join in direct action of the ALF type, can organise funds, home liberated animals and write to the Press etc; giving their support for the ALF and its direct action. Whatever part of the Campaign we choose to involve ourselves in, let us never fail to give whatever support we can give to those who risk arrest and imprisonment - those who see at first hand, the debeaked naked hen, the mutilated rat, the calves in their tiny crates and the rabbits blinded by chemicals longing for the release from the agony which comes only by death.

When people talk to you about breaking 'the law' - ask them what kind of 'law' tortures the helpless and the innocent and protects the torturers ? That is the one law we simply MUST break and then the animal abusers will finally receive the message that they are in a very fragile and 'risky' business . That law MUST be broken until the last animal dies on the sterile white laboratory table, until the last chicken rots away in its battery cage, until the last animal is torn to pieces in the hunt and until the last pathetic circus animal finishes its shabby performance.

Let us break that law AND GET THE ANIMALS OUT !

(S.L.).

"..What a pity and what a poverty of spirit to assert that beasts are machines deprived of knowledge and sentiment, which affects all their operations in the same manner, which learn nothing and never improve. Some barbarians seize this dog who so prodigiously excels man in friendship, they nail him to a table and dissect him living, to show the veins. You discover in him all the same organs of sentiment which are in YOURSELF....." (Voltaire).

A.L.F. Action at Dunns Battery Farm. May 18th 1983. (5)

Continuing the campaign against'Farmer' Dunn, we decided to raid his battery farm. We heard about the farm by reading about sit-ins and demonstrations against it.

We went to the farm area and watched it for several nights and then planned the raid to liberate about fifty chickens and to also damage vehicles used/owned by the farm. We agreed twelve ALF activists would be needed to ensure the raid was wholly successful and we then arranged the vehicles we would need and the sacks and boxes to carry the liberated chickens in. Shortly before the raid we had a meeting and an hour before the raid we got into the respective vehicles and moved off to the farm.

The drivers parked the vehicles in a residential area and then got into the van with the rest of the ALF group. We then drove off and parked in the pre-arranged place and went through the plan again. We also got the items we would need together. We had decided beforehand that the first part of the raid would be the damaging of the farm vehicles as this would be the quietest part of the whole operation. Four of the group moved towards the vehicles(some fourty yards from the farm house) and the eight remaining members of the group waited for us.

The four had a container of sugar water for the diesel tankers and a mixture of engine oil and valve grinding paste which was poured into the farm vehicle engines. This totally damages the engine and renders them useless after a few miles - it also causes thousands of pounds worth of damage. When the vehicles had been damaged the whole group got together again and it went down to the battery units. Two activists were left near the farm house as look-outs and they had a radio so they could warn us if the farmer came out. We had brought a ladder with us which we had carried to the battery units from the vehicle and this was placed up against the wall to the door which had always been open on previous ALF visits to the farm.

We were obviously concerned to see that on this visit that the door was closed and bolted from within and at the top. One of the group climbed the ladder and stretching as far as they possibly could we realised that we were not going to gain entry - this was after some 30 odd minutes with all members of the group attempting to stretch out to unlock the door on the ladder. We then began a search for a longer ladder. After a short time we found something that resembled a ladder (in height, if not in weight also !) and we hauled it into position. As time was getting on, it was becoming lighter and a sense of determination had set in with the group that we had to succeed in this raid.

One of the group climbed this ladder and soon we had managed to open the door. Three of the group went into the battery unit and only after a minute, the sacks began to be passed out with the chickens inside. Each member immediately took a sack in each hand and went back to the vehicle without delay - this was to ensure the chickens did not arrive at the vehicle all at the same time and to allow them to be placed into the boxes easily.

The two look-outs joined us and picked up their sacks and we collected our tools and picked up our ladder and we were soon all back in the vehicle. After all the chickens had been put into the boxes we waited until the vehicle taking them off had got safely away and then made our way back to the cars. The raid was a complete success and the chickens were in their new homes very shortly afterwards. An amusing footnote to this action was the report of broken-down egg lorries littering the nearby roads the next day.

The Animal Liberation Front - Getting the animals out N O W ****

(1) If you are able to distribute SG membership application forms at demonstrations, please let the SG know. Please only give these out to people already in the Animal Rights Campaign . If you are able to photocopy SG forms, the SG would very much appreciate this as it will save time and a great deal in postage costs. If you are able to photocopy locally, please ensure the complete form is copied - especially the standing order - i.e. the 'signature' and 'date' entries at the very bottom are included. Thanks.

(2)The Mink Liberation Photo. Collection includes three photographs (approx 9" x 7") taken during the raid on the New World Mink Farm at Canewdon,Southend, Essex on 22nd August 1982. The photos are:-
(i)Masked ALF activists cutting the fencing to allow the mink to escape
(ii)Masked ALF activists opening the cages containing the mink
(iii)Masked ALF activist carrying cage with mink inside.

The collection is £7.50 or any one photo. for £3. Please allow six weeks for delivery.
After this, the October newsletter, the offer will be closed (another collection of a different ALF raid will be available in December) so this is the time to order the set if you haven't already done so.

(3)The ALF Supporters Group postcard is now available. This high quality card shows four ALF actions in 1982. The cards are 10p each or 10 for 75p. According to information the SG has and newspaper articles, it appears SG members are putting these to very good use ! Please enclose an addressed envelope (at least 6" x 4½"). Being stamped also, would be appreciated.

(4)Please do ALWAYS state your membership number as it takes a great deal of time tracing members with name and address only. If sending in money, please state whether this is a manual payment or a donation. Thanks.

(5)If the word 'DUE' appears in red on your envelope flap label, it means no money has been received for some time. The month the last payment was received will also be stated. If this does occur, PLEASE send in the amount owed without delay. If not received in the following month, no more newsletters will be sent.

(6)Please send in any newspaper cutting you see mentioning ALF or ALF direct action(not a copy please). Please also state the date & name of the publication also. Thanks.

(7)You can help the ALF or the ALF(SG) by doing one of the following:-

(i)Getting a new member to join the ALF(SG) by standing order(these will be sent on request)
(ii)Have a letter printed in a newspaper etc; supporting the ALF and ALF direct action.
(iii)Hold a fund raising event and raising £24 or more for the ALF.

Most people should be able to do one of these three. Please send in the standing order or the cutting of the newspaper article or the cheque for the fund raising event and the special "ALF Supporter - Active Supporter Badge" will be sent to you. Please ensure you include your own name and membership number.

"..We who are supposed to be civilised and merciful, consign millions of sentient fellow-creatures to slow death by starvation, by smashing their bodies with hammers and bullets, by gouging out their eyes, by scarifying their most tender organs with red hot irons, by all the bloody triumphs of the knife, by roasting and boiling, by packing their famished bodies into tubs of cold water and ice.... because they are too feeble to resist and because the 'doctor' tells us we shall benefit in life and health as a result of these horrible sacrifices.."
(Toronto. Mail Empire)

(8)In the ALF(SG) newsletter (5) June 30th, it was stated that the BUAV was the only organisation that openly supported the Animal Liberation Front. Since June 30th, the SG has received letters from 27 Animal Rights organisations pointing out they also openly support the A.L.F. These organisations were local animal rights groups, political groups and religious groups. The SG of course meant that the BUAV was the only organisation which is one of the main and oldest Anti-vivisection societies that openly supported the A.L.F.
In view of the 27 organisations that have written in, the list is too lengthy to give here but hopefully this clears up any misunderstandings !

(9)<u>But what will we tell the children ???</u>
At some future date - hopefully soon - when the animals are liberated and free and no longer abused as they are now, we will all have the responsibility to explain the circumstances of animal liberation to the next generation (or the generation following them). The SG is delighted to announce a high quality 'album' of seven prints (printed on the"album"pages themselves) of ALF actions exists. (i)Shardlow 1982(Rabbits rescued from testing lab) (ii)Operation Valentine 1982 (Beagles,rats & Mice rescued with £76,000 worth of damage) (iii)Winches Farm 1982 (6 cats rescued from Institute of tropical diseases). (iv)Balbeggie Kennels 1983 (10 Beagles rescued from vivisection breeder - as per BUAV's June/July Liberator 1983 page 2) (v)ALF Day of Action against Fur Trade 1983 (163 rabbits rescued from farms in four raids on same day) (vi)Reading 1983 (Chickens liberated from battery farm) (vii)Royal Vet College 1982. (5 beagles rescued from breeding experiments).

This costs only £2.75 - a stamped addressed envelope <u>MUST</u> be enclosed(17p stamp for 2nd class and 23p for 1st class). The envelope must be a <u>minimum</u> of 7" x 9½". Please allow 5 weeks for delivery.

If you don't order this collection, it's unlikely there will be a second chance - what will you tell the children then ????????

(10)Again, the SG would ask members to only write when really necessary - a great deal of time (and invariably money on postage/reply costs) is taken up and it is felt on many occasions, the questions raised arise through not reading the newsletter in true context or the answers are available by a 'phone call to other Anti-vivisection/Animal Rights organisations that have paid/full time staff. Please do <u>only</u> write if necessary (change of address, etc;).

(11)The ALF stickers are available in three types - red lettering on white back ground. Please note these will NOT be available after 15th December. The three types are:-

(i) Animal Liberation is OUR liberation - Support the Animal Liberation Front

(ii)The Animal Liberation Front - Fighting in the Front Line for the Animals Now.

(iii)Animal Liberation Front - Direct Action Against All Animal Abuse.

These cost 70p per 100. Please only order in lots of 100 (i.e. 100,200,300 etc;). Please allow up to six weeks for delivery and please enclose a stamped addressed envelope (the larger, the better). If enclosing extra money for postage, an addressed envelope should still be included.

Just think of the places you can put these.....

"...(Vivisection)"We are bound in duty, I think, to leap over all limitations, and go in for the total abolition of this vile and cruel form of Idolatry, for idolatry it is, and like all idolatry, brutal, degrading and deceptive. The thought of this diabolical system disturbs me night and day....."
(Earl of Shaftesbury)

(12)It should not be necessary to write another statement to explain ALF action and philosophy - members may recall the April newsletter regarding the attack made on the ALF's campaign against fur shops. If this newsletter is in your possession, you may wish to turn back to it and re-read it. The ALF never, repeat NEVER, condemns the actions of other organisations as it is time consuming, divisive and negative - the animals do NOT benefit from it either. However the ALF will make a counter-attack to defend itself and the animals it is liberating, saving and defending. If the ALF did not do this, it would be a very strange, if not sinister situation indeed. It is the wish of the SG that all animal rights organisations and individuals will do whatever they think will achieve animal liberation and suits their particular situation. The SG therefore finds it sad when it reads of comments made in 'Outrage' ('Comment', page 2, July/August 1983 issue):-
It is stated after commenting that attacks on butchers shops etc; is wrong - i.e. likely to "widen the divisions that already exist":-

> "How can you blame a butcher for selling meat, when the whole system has been geared to the production, marketing and consumption of meat for centuries ? You may even find that the man is a stauch anti-vivisectionist and opposed to hunting....."

If we follow this reasoning, then a whole range of absurd and anti-animal arguments evolve. If the butcher is simply "fulfilling " a social and human need (which he/she most certainly is NOT) and we believe the ludicrous theory the butcher is totally unaware of the terrible cruelty involved in the 'meat' trade, then we can carry this argument to its logical conclusion - surely the vivisector is only really doing what 'society' demands of him or her ? We could even say Stalin and Hitler only did what the population demanded of them. "Fulfilling" a social need is NOT an excuse for animal abuse !

If the ALF had shaped its activities back in 1976 according to "what the public wanted" (and not forgetting the voice of the Animal Rights movement at that time which was wholly united against the ALF) then quite simply it would not exist today and the hundreds of thousands of animals rescued would have died in agony. The SG looks forward to hearing of any butcher who is a "staunch anti-vivisectionist and opponent of hunting" (!!) The ALF have a deep and well thought out plan to completely eradicate animal abuse in all forms - it is not just a policy of 'smash and grab'. Damage to butchers shops increases the price of meat and in turn can only get people to change their diet - a change long long overdue. This type of action is not a 'handy lazy short-cut' as the Outrage comment implies - it is part of a long slow uphill climb - which is NOT made easier by comments of this type.

If we say someone is really only abusing animals 'only because society is forcing them to' we can justify any form of animal abuse(and any kind of human abuse also). The only way to change 'the meat system' is to attack the properties of those it has given birth to. Most SG members must be aware of the terrible agony suffered by animals in the meat trade but a quick glimpse at literature published by(for example) Compassion In World Farming will remind them of what butchery is all about.

It is quite obviously quite wrong to say that "the whole system has been geared to the production etc; of meat " - there is NO evidence of this whatsoever. Whether it is the beginning(the farm), the middle(the slaughterhouse) or the end(the butchers) that is attacked, the result is the same - ANIMAL LIBERATION. The immediate result is less money available to breed animals for meat. The SG finds it regrettable that this type of 'comment' has to be answered but they DO have to be answered and not answering them would only create further misunderstanding(s). Hopefully this will explain the background to this type of action and this will be the last time - for the animals' sake - the SG has to do this. The simple philosophy of Animal Rights and Liberation is "Putting the animals before self".

"Will you not put an end to this accursed slaughter ? Will you not see that you are destroying yourselves ?....." (Empedokles. c.450 BC).

(13) In the last 5 years, the Animal Rights Movement has taken off its gloves of respectability and moved the animals' cause further ahead than in the previous five decades. During this time however the RSPCA has lagged seriously behind and it cannot be denied that the RSPCA and its out-of-date policies are now responsible for killing far more animals than it ever rescues and homes - FACT. It cannot be denied that the RSPCA is clearly more interested in maintaining its 'respectability' than it is in achieving its aims. It is mainly financed by the money of the dead. Many people would have hoped that by now some improvements for those animals that share this planet with us would have been achieved. The fact is however, that the RSPCA has been in existence for 159 years and every year they are put in a position of having to massacre more and more animals. They are doing nothing to make the public increasingly aware of the plight of millions of factory farmed and lab. animals.

Government turns constantly to them to look for the weakest point when discussing any potential reforms - they have no crusading spirit. They have no 'gut' feeling (Presumably it would be thought 'not respectable'). If we are to move successfully ahead and see some effective reforms, we must first and foremost REFORM the RSPCA. It belongs to its membership and it should NOT be run by a group of people who constantly denigrate the activists in the Animal Rights Campaign - it MUST be run by its membership. Your help is needed if the RSPCA is to be changed and to ensure it achieves the objects it was set up to carry out. Please write to the RSPCA at the Manor House, Causeway, Horsham, Sussex and obtain a membership form and join. Remember ! the RSPCA have got millions of pounds that should be SAVING millions of animals from their deaths.

(14)Compared with RSPCA headquarters at Horsham which the above refers to, there are so many many hardworking RSPCA members and groups which undoubtably set an example that should be followed. One such group has come to the SG's attention - the members work all hours of the day (and night !), operate a strict non-destruction policy - no animal unless it is too ill to be helped - is 'put down' and their animal homing system is truly amazing. As with most other groups they badly need the money to continue and are struggling under the RSPCA HQ 'quota system' - one way YOU can possibly help them is to send in unusual British or Foreign stamps which they can sell to raise urgently needed funds - if you can help, please please do. These can be sent to the SG who will gladly send them on.

(15)Alan Roy Smith is the Managing Director of Charles River Animal Breeding Centre in Margate, Kent. He lives at 73 London Rd, Ramsgate, Kent and his tel.no. was available from directory enquiries at the time of going to print. His own sick message recently was "Charles River UK Ltd is one of a Group which is the worlds largest breeder of lab. animals..". The River handbook for employees includes very sick cartoons of lab. animals happily walking towards their centres in holiday clothing as if they were about to embark upon a holiday instead of agonising death. Rivers' breed all kinds of animals - monkeys, rats, hamsters and so on. They are VERY SICK people indeed. Smith appears to be proud of breeding animals for torture so why not let him know what YOU think ?.....

(16) With regard to the cover page of this issue, before our more sensitive members think this outlines a pro-violent policy - it DOES NOT. It is symbolic(quite obviously !) of a ten year uphill struggle against animal abuse which has been so very successful. The ALF does not carry out or support any violence and does not harm ANY life - be it human or animal.

(17)The SG was very sorry to see Richard Course's statement about the ALF and NALL in the Times (July 1983). "..Five years is a long time for NUTTERS to wait for a possible change and I think they are going to go over the top. There is not much we can do about it...". Perhaps Mr Course would ask the animals rescued from death in the last 7 years by the ALF whether their rescuers are 'nutters'. The SG notes with sadness the comment about a 'possible change' - if you are being tortured to death, 'possible' is just simply NOT good enough. He continues that he used to think hunting would be abolished in 1990 "Now I am not so sure". He doesn't even comment on vivisection or factory farming, etc;. It does appear(and the SG stands to be corrected on this of course !) that to the millions and millions of animals imprisoned in this country in so many places, being poisoned, tortured and murdered, Mr Course has one word for them :- " Tough".

(i)(Late Report) International ALF damage two fur shops in Queen St, Ontaario and damage six trucks belonging to animal abusers in Ontario Stockyards. 29th May.

(ii)(Late Report) 15th May. International ALF damage 40 fur shops in New York, USA.

(iii)(Late Report). 26th May. ALF liberate 64 chickens from factory farm, Boothstown. Now in good homes.

(iv)(Late Report). International ALF in Montreal, Quebec, Canada , damage 3 fur shops, and five meat/fish properties. June 3rd.

(v)(Late report). 14th June. ALF damage five fur shops, Manchester.

(vi)15th June. ALF cause damage to empty battery unit sheds at Inkersol Grange Farm, Bilsthorpe, Notts. Sheds due to be used for intensive farming

(vii)21st June. ALF rescue rabbit kept in cage outside a public house which was used a customer attraction, Repton, Burton.

(viii)19th June. ALF burn empty broiler houses at New House factory farm, Longdon. Damage in excess of £4000.

(ix)23rd June. ALF damage golf green used in competition - fur coat being the prize. Haggs Castle, Scotland.

(x)23rd June. ALF damage Bleyle fur shop, Cambridge.

(xi)26th June. ALF rescue 20 hens from factory farm, Belton Rd, Loughborough. Rescued from very bad conditions but now in good homes.

(xii)26th June. ALF rescue 6 rats and 40 mice kept for dissection from Portchester School, Bournemouth. Most of the animals taken heavily pregnant and now in good homes

(xiii)26th June. International ALF raid Toronto Western Hospital animal lab. and rescue five cats - now in good homes.

(xiv)29th June. ALF damage 3 broiler chicken sheds, Ross Poultry Ltd, Nr. Huntingdon. Three chickens rescued and now in good homes.

(xv)30th June. ALF damage Lorries belonging to Webbs Poultry Plant, Nr Skipton.

(xvi)30th June. ALF damage Hubbards Hatchery which hatches and distributes day old chicks to factory farms over UK.(Chepstow)

(xvii)5th July. For the 2nd time, ALF raid Brockenhurst College, Hampshire and rescue over 50 mice kept for dissection.

(xviii)2nd July. ALF damage Wright & Braham's butchers, Norwood, London.

(xix)10th July. ALF raid Intersimian Ltd, Oxford and rescue 20 gerbils.

(xx)14th July. ALF rescue 16 hens from Shavers Battery Farm, Bawdeswell, Norfolk. Two hens kept to a cage only 20" x 12" x 12". Now all in good homes.

(xxi)21st July. ALF damage Biorex Labs., London. This lab. carries out painful experiments on animals for commercial profit.

(xxii).***** Seven people arrested in connection with raid on Hebden Bridge Factory Farm(Lee Farm Eggs Ltd) Fairfield. Funds urgently needed for court costs ********* 22nd July.

(xxiii)24th July. ALF raid Pond Head Poultry Farm, Holt, Wimborne. 25 hens rescued and now in good homes.

(xxiv)25th July. ALF rescue two young dogs from breeder suspected of being lab. dealer. Rescued from filthy conditions and now in good homes. Sheffield.

(xxv)26th July. ALF raid Daylay Eggs, Drybrook, Forest of Dean and rescue 40 hens and damage farm itself. Hens now in good homes.

(xxvi)27th July. ALF let off 'stink bombs' at Maddisons Nightclub, Nottingham where contest was being sponsored by Edelsons Furs. Most of the audience had to leave and contest was ruined.

"..The Animal Liberation Front - their mission is to free all animals held in captivity. To succeed they have vowed to break the Law. They run their illegal operatiomalong the lines of a highly secret spy network...."(Evening Times. 24th June.83).

(xxvii) 21st July. ALF raid Moor House Farm, Denham and rescue 17 hens. ALF also damage farm property.

(xxviii) ALF damage Biorex Labs., London (see xxi). 30th July. .

(xxix) ALF rescue greyhound from the van it was kept in - dog was emaciated and kept in terrible conditions. It was suspected that the dog was due to go to a lab. Some ALF members blockaded the Enfield, Middx, house to prevent the 'owner' from stopping other activists rescuing the dog. 31st July.

(xxx)2nd August. ALF cause considerable damage when flooding two empty broiler houses at Manor Park Farm, Holnest, Dorset.

(xxxi)1st August. ALF cause damage to four commercial vehicles owned by Doo Little Mill Farm, Ampthill, Beds. Damage in excess of £30,000.

(xxxii)1st August. ALF damage furshop window - damage in excess of £600. Harrisons, Station Rd, Gloucester.

(xxxiii)Recent Actions in West Germany:-
(a)£125,000 damage to Hazleton Research Lab., Münster.
(b)48 beagles rescued from Lab. for Pharmacology & Toxicology, Hamburg.
(c)£2,500 damage to animal experimentation equipment at Berlin Teaching Hospital.
(d)Damage to Primate Centre in Göttingen which is notorious for animal experiments.
(e)50 frogs released from Frankfurt University Labs.
(f)19 Sheepdogs rescued from painful experiments in Stuttgart by "Animal Liberation Front - Section Deutschland".

(xxxiv)6th August. ALF raid Brocades, Cut Hedge Farm, Braintree, Essex and rescue 200 animals(guinea pigs, hamsters, mice and rats).Now in good homes. This lab. performs very painful tests on animals.

(xxxv)6th August. Car belonging to notorious vivisector Siegfried Gottfried damaged by ALF. Arkley, Nr Barnet, Herts.

(xxxvi)6th August. ALF damage 8 Goldenlay (factory farm)vans at Yorkshire Egg Producers, Leeds.

(xxxvii)7th August. ALF cause severe damage to Crimpers Furshop, Worcester.

(xxxviii)10th August. ALF rescue 10 hens from Grassendale Factory/Poultry Farm Liverpool.

(xxxix)10th August. ALF demolish 26 shooting butts on Grove Moors, Nr Manchester - Damage £6000.

(xxxx)12th August. ALF demolish 19 shooting butts on Black Ashop Moor, Glossop.

(xxxxi)13th August. ALF rescue 15 dogs from Laundry Farm, Nr Cambridge. The farm is used by Cambridge University for keeping dogs before and after experiments).

(xxxxii)17th August. ALF rescue 40 hens from Battery Farm in Bolton.

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(1)SG members plahning to purchase gifts for Xmas may wish to do so from the Animal Protection Association, 1 Claremont, Newlaithes Rd, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 4LG. Money raised by this organisation is given to several Animal Rights groups INCLUDING the ALF(SG). When writing for a price list, please ensure a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed. Thank you.

(2)Important:- With regard to (9) on page 7, the SG regrets this offer has had to be suspended for a short while. Please do NOT send in any orders - the SG will advise when the album is available. The suspension is for security reasons and the SG apologises for this.

The Animal Liberation Front = Animal Liberation *NOW*

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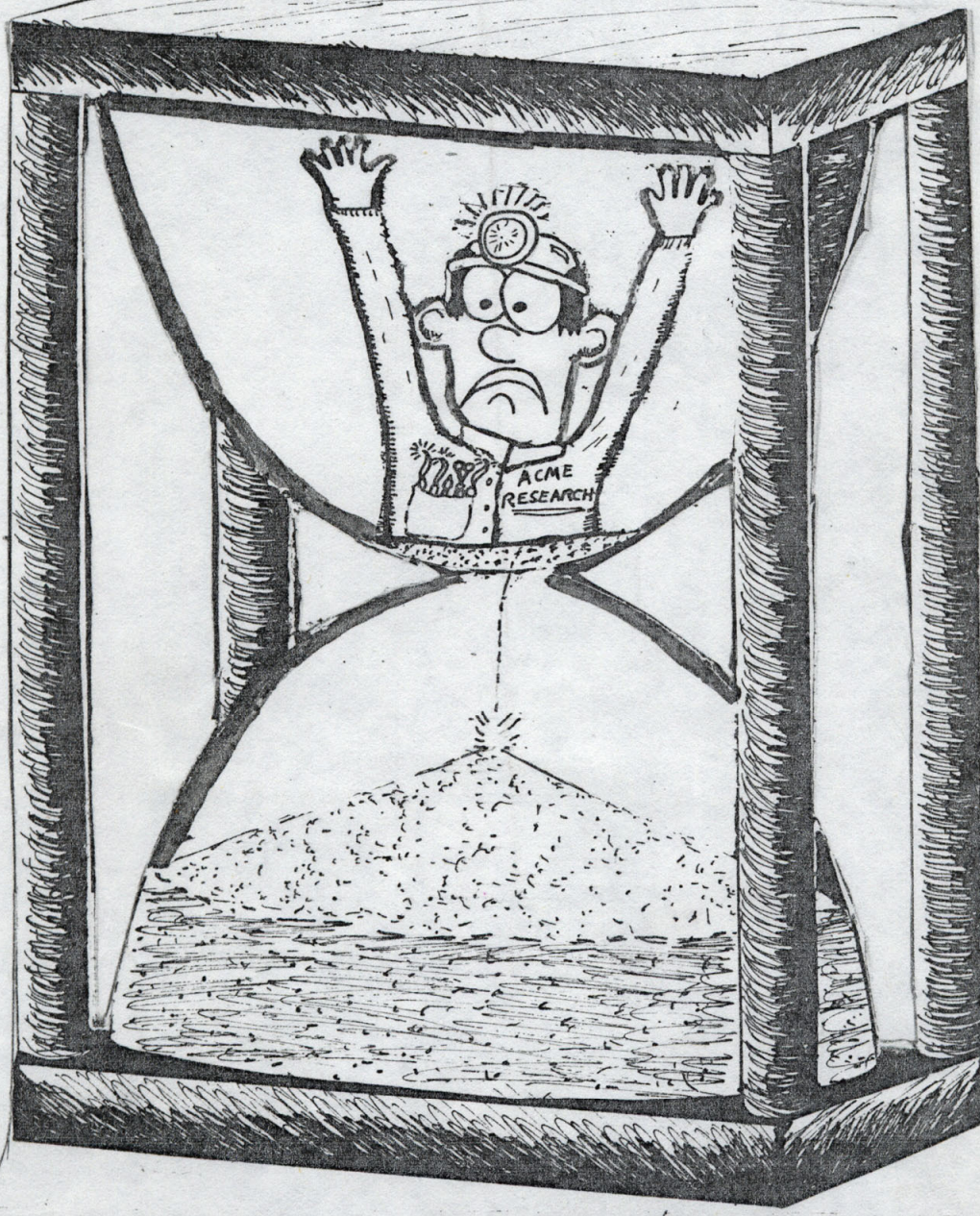
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THE BEGINNING OF ANIMAL LIBERATION

AND THE END OF ANIMAL ABUSE



ANIMAL EXPLOITERS
Your Time Is Nearly Up

DECEMBER 1983 NO; 8

A report from the Lincolnshire Animal Liberation Front. (2)

A few months ago, members of the LALF extensively daubed a 'battery farm' which kept chickens at East Keel, Lincs with various slogans. The 'farm' was visited by the LALF a few weeks later and it was seen that the 'farm' had repainted areas where daubed - costing both time and money.

On Friday April 1st, five members glued up locks on butchers shops and a fur shop in Lincoln and painted ALF slogans on the windows. These actions delayed opening for some considerable time. A short time later, the LALF daubed 'Animal Murderers' on the same fur shop(West St, Boston) in large white letters. A week later the fur shop purchased a metal gate to prevent this happening again. On Saturday May 28th a member glued up locks on butchers shops in Boston and again on the following Tuesday. On the same night two members daubed Frans Buitelaars Slaughterhouse in Marsh Lane, Boston. The refridgeration control equipment was also smashed. Also on the same night two members daubed the Phoenix Battery hen 'farm' in Swineshead Rd, Boston with 'Belson' and 'Chickens Liberation'. A delivery van used by the 'farm' was also daubed. On viewing the damage a short time later, members of the group saw a chicken in the 'farm' grounds which had obviously escaped. After a very brief chase, the chicken was caught. She was virtually bald and very placid. She has now been placed in a good home and has regrown her feathers and is able to scratch around the garden - she has also resumed laying eggs.

Regrettably these events/actions were not reported in the local paper 'The Lincolnshire Standard' as it appears to fear the reporting of such things will encourage yet more. It also regularly runs a farming feature which includes the "benefits" of intensive farming and imprisonment of animals - with photographs also.

Since the beginning of 1983, several local animal rights groups have joined forces to sabotage pheasant shoots, fox-hunting and beagling which have been most effective. The 'meets' are no longer reported in local papers .....

The L.A.L.F. are a relatively new group and we wish all members of the A.L.F. luck in all their attempts to further the cause of animal freedom and animal rights.....

Lincolnshire Animal Liberation Front.

A report of the raid on Portsmouth Polytechnic

In the early hours of Friday 18th May, four members of the A.L.F. entered a breeding unit of Portsmouth Polytechnic and rescued 80 white mice - these were to be used in experiments 'performed' by the students at the Polytechnic.

Two members went to look at the building the previous night in order to learn how to gain access to the building. One member placed their hands on the ventilation fan and it simply fell to the floor. After a meeting, it was decided to enter the building via the ventilation fan hole.

The group arrived at the building and began to saw a larger hole where the ventilator fan had been. This could only be done when the air conditioning was on every 15 minutes and then only for 8 minutes during that time. There was a security person doing the rounds in another nearby building and therefore the whole operation had to take some two hours.

The group entered the building and took cages containing 80 mice and it did not take long to notice the overcrowding - some 20 mice to each small cage. One mouse had a number of small pin pricks over its face and a red patch under the chin. Another had pink dye on it and we understood some experiment had been done on it. All mice were quickly homed and living lives free from pain and torment.

"The vivisectors, those who cut, torture and mutilate in the name of science, disgrace our age. They excite the horror and indignation of all good people....."
(Robert Ingersoll).

Animal Rights - or just 'a better deal' ?

If we consider the progress the Animal Rights Campaign has made in just the last ten years compared with the ninety preceeding those, then progress has been achieved indeed.

We have now advanced from a very narrow-minded 'cat & dog' brigade to a genuine Campaign for ANIMAL RIGHTS. However, it sometimes appears that those who believe in ANIMAL RIGHTS in fact only want 'a better deal' for animals which falls far far short of Animal RIGHTS.

Do we want animals treater'better' or do we want them to have the RIGHTS and FREEDOM they are entitled to ? Some would say Animal Freedom is a dream or a far-off possibility, but this is NOT so. Even in the case of 'companion animals', it is still possible to create a 'limited freedom' in a domestic surrounding although this of course is far short of true animal freedom.

We have read up to the 1970's of the CRUELTY and now in the 1980's we read of ANIMAL RIGHTS, but strangely enough(presumably there is an explanation but it isn't made clear exactly what it is), we are rarely, if ever, advised to actually relate to the animals themselves - ie to put ourselves actually in their place. There is still a very wide gap between the human being and the animals and it is because of this that cruelty exists with little restriction. We have all suffered a tiny fraction of their agonising obscene torture - the injection at school, the accidental drip of shampoo in the eye(s), and so on. If all members of the campaign would spend a few minutes or even seconds every day contemplating and relating themselves to the physical pain and mental pain that the animals suffer - the desperation, the fact of utter hopelessness (except for intervention by the ALF) and the prospect of a long slow painful death by white-coated unfeeling social misfits peering through the wire doors or glass plated windows. Next time you drop shampoo in your eyes and run screaming to the nearest cold water tap to bathe your eyes in cold refreshing water, spend the next few minutes as the burning sting wears off of the animals who have their heads locked in tight clamps, who have no tear ducts and the hope of reaching water is purely a dream. The only thing that releases them of the terrible pain is the death which follows much much later.....

If Campaign members put themselves in the place of the animals, try to taste the same pain they experience and share the same thoughts that run through their own minds, the Campaign would surge ahead by years in a matter of months - do we really want ANIMAL RIGHTS - the right to dignity, the right to freedom and the right to life WITHOUT interference from human beings ? One argument of anti-vivisection is thatanimals suffer as we do - indeed this is so - but this is only part of the argument - the 100% fact of the matter is (whether the experiment involves pain or not) is that human beings have NO RIGHT to imprison or experiment with them. When the argument is reduced to the simple fact of RIGHTS, then it becomes so very clear - the animals have RIGHTS and humans have NO RIGHT to interfere with them. The frog in its dissection box, the rat in its electrified cage, the mouse with its cancer tumour or the dog dying in a LD50 test - they have RIGHTS and the same RIGHT as any human to be free from torment and to live as an individual.

If we follow the path of 'a better deal', then we will never obtain what we desire - animals are abused because it is so simple to deprive them of their rights - if we water down what we wish for - and what the animals are ENTITLED TO - the battle is lost before it has started. To determine what is right or wrong - it is simple:- Put yourself in the place of the animal - imprisoned in a tiny cage with 4/5 others, shut away in a box with an electrified floor, or dying in excruciating pain from a deadly cosmetic - think WITH the animals - think over and over again of yourself in that situation and then come to the conclusion of what **YOU** would want. The ALF will damage as much animal abuse property as possible to redirect funds meant for animal abuse towards better security and it will rescue as many animals as possible from imprisonment and torture because:-

The Animal Liberation Front believes the animals DO HAVE RIGHTS.....

"..I should apply the Golden Rule to animals as well as human beings, and not vivisect as I would not be vivisected, even in the cause of Science...."

(William Dean Howells).

"Operation Bright Eyes"(May 1983).
(Refer (xxxvii) of page 11, Newsletter 5).

Our group of 12 activists met at an address at 9pm on the evening of the raid.We went over the plans for the raid one more time and checked our transport and arranged who was to be the 'look out' on this occasion.
We killed time until 11pm working out a story to give the police if we were stopped at a routine check. Eventually 11pm came about and we got into our vehicles - a mini van and a car - we then drove for about an hour until we reached the housing estate where we had arranged to park the car . The whole group then got into the mini-van and we then drove to a barn near the rabbitry. We then all got out with the exception of the car driver and hid in the barn - the minivan then drove off. We had arranged for the van to come back at exactly 1am.

It was a very dark night and there was no wind - even a twig breaking underfoot seemed so loud it could be heard for miles. We walked along in single file down a short stretch of road and then down a grass verge next to a gravel footpath. We were not wearing our balaclavas at this time as there were several houses near the rabbitry and seeing so many people creeping about dressed up in balaclavas etc; would obviously arouse suspicion !! We also could not use torches until in the rabbitry itself.

We then had to negotiate a stile in the pitch darkness and walk across a very wet field with many hidden potholes. We eventually reached the other end without too many mishaps and were now alongside the rabbitry itself. We gained access by the small ventilation holes which had wire mesh over them. Only three of us were small enough to get through. Once inside, the three were passed sacks.

At this very moment we had a very bad shock as the three noticed a light on at the end of the rabbitry and thought it might be an office(it was surrounded by a curtain) and someone might be working there. One of the group crept up and lifted up the curtain and with great relief discovered no one was there - this good news was signalled back to those at the other end. The rabbits were in atrocious conditions - the cages were 4 feet off the ground and they were completely made of wire with no bedding. Some of the rabbits had very sore and deformed feet through only having wire to walk/sit on. The rabbits were in two different situations but equally as bad - either solitary confinement or really crowded in together with virtually no room to move or even turn round.The ones crowded together seemed to be the very young ones.

We set to work placing the rabbits gently into the sacks - rabbits seem to be more settled this way - ie being in a dark confined space. A total of 48 rabbits were rescued including a litter of 12 very young ones - these were passed out through the ventilator hole. We also found a hunting gun and a power drill which we decided would be better off in the nearby cesspool where they were deposited.

Having taken as many rabbits as possible, the three inside the rabbitry climbed out and the whole group walked back to the barn. Climbing over country stiles in pitch darkness with 48 rabbits was no easy task !

We finally arrived back at the barn at exactly 12.55am and the van had not arrived. We were worried about this and wondered whether something had happened to it. However after 5 minutes - it seemed like hours - the minivan drove up a few seconds after 1am and we placed the rabbits in special boxes which we had made for them and drove off. At the housing estate, the people who were to travel in the car got out of the van and they drove off. The van took the rabbits with two activists still with them to good homes where they were nursed back to health and cared for.

**The Animal Liberation Front = Getting the Animals out NOW **

The Price Of Victory - by Ronnie Lee(Press Officer, Animal Liberation Front). (5)

Most SG members will now be aware that a number of people were sent to prison in connection with the ALF raid on Life Science Research Labs. in February 1982. When hearing of the sentences, no doubt many animal rights campaigners threw up their hands in anger and dismay that people had been imprisoned after being found guilty of actions which involved the rescue of animals from cruel experiments and the destruction of animal abuse property.
It is quite right that we should feel angry over the fact that good people have been sent to prison for an act of bravery and compassion - and of course, the best use for that anger is to channel it into protest against the imprisonment of the activists and against the continuing horrific abuse of animals. The anger is a good thing. What bothers me is the dismay, the great sense of surprise, the feeling that going to prison is something that never happens to Animal Rights Campaigners. For the simple fact of the matter is that before the day of widespread animal liberation is achieved, before the day when animals are no longer tortured in laboratories, or imprisoned in factory farms or shot and hunted in their millions, hundreds, if not thousands of animal liberationists will have spent time in prison.

To deny this is to live in a dreamland. The kind of dreamland that the traditional Animal Welfare organisations haved lived in for the last century, with their belief that massive animal exploitation can be ended solely by such measures as peaceful demonstrations, petitions and letters to Members of Parliament. Animal exploitation in all its various forms, is, by and large, a multi-million pound industry which makes huge profits for a large number of very powerful people. The fallacious and arrogant belief that the human species is somehow 'superior' to the other animals (and therefore entitled to do what it likes with them) has been held by the majority of the population for many thousands of years and has thus become deeply entrenched in the human psyche.
Thus animal abuse is not a small problem that can be quickly resolved by means of a few petitions or polite letters, but is a huge and ugly edifice which can only be sent tumbling if widespread, frequent and hard-hitting direct action is employed. But those who, quite rightly, believe in the use of direct action have got to accept that imprisonment is often, and in future will be more frequently, the price that will have to be paid by the activists. People are frequently amazed when a Judge will in one breath give probation to a mugger or baby batterer and then in another, give a substantial prison sentence to an ALF activist. But really this situation comes as no surprise. Muggers and baby batterers are only a threat to ordinary people, whereas, the ALF is a threat to the status quo - and any threat to the status quo is seen by Judges as a threat to their grossly excessive power and privilege.
It must also be remembered that a sentence of imprisonment is nothing compared to the suffering that animals go through in factory farms, vivisection labs., and other animal persecution establishments. It must be considered too, how people fighting for other causes, much less important than the cause of Animal Rights/Liberation - in terms of the prevention of suffering, are prepared to take great hardship upon themselves in attempting to achieve their aims. I cannot imagine that any SG members would agree with the IRA or their methods - and many will not agree with the form their campaign takes - but one thing cannot be doubted; the fact that they are prepared to suffer enormously for their cause. There are hundreds of them in prison - many doing life sentences. If so many people are prepared to go to prison for the dubious methods of the IRA, then animal rights campaigners should be prepared to go to prison in their hundreds and even thousands for the glorious and noble cause of animal liberation, especially bearing in mind that due to the largely non-violent character of the ALF activity, sentences on activists are relatively short with much time spent in open prisons.
So do not be surprised or dismayed when the prison gates clang shut on ALF activists. Prison sentences are the unfortunate, but inevitable consequence of actions which are essential to the bringing about of victory in our struggle for ANIMAL LIBERATION.

Ronnie Lee(Press Officer.ALF).15/10/83.

A.L.F. Supporters Group - 1. (6)

(1)Firstly, many thanks to those SG members who have sent in money for people arrested. This help is badly needed and therefore very much appreciated.

(2)SG members can obtain back-copies of SG newsletters (1,2,3,4,5,6 or 7). These cost 30p each to reproduce and postage, so please send at least 30p to cover this.

(3)Many SG members have ordered ALF"stickers" since they became available. These are no longer available (but will be at a later date) and are being replaced by ALF posters - A4 size(the size of this page).
These are eye-catching black and white with a large picture - the same as shown on the SG badge with the words "Support the Animal Liberation Front" below it. Pro-ALF slogans also appear at the bottom.
These are 25 for £1.00 and this includes postage . Please send an addressed envelope(not stamped). The larger the envelope the better.
Now SG members can spend very interesting and rewarding evenings going out with these posters and a handy pot of wallpaper paste and paintbrush.
Just think of all those places you can put these.....

(4)ALF Postcards are still available and this high quality card shows four very successful ALF actions in 1982 with the SG symbol in the middle. These cost only 10p each or 10 for 75p.
Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope. Thanks.

(5)The SG would again ask SG members to **ALWAYS** state their membership number - it is shown in the top right hand corner of the address label on the envelope containing this newsletter.
If you pay manually and not by standing order and 'DUE' appears on the envelope flap it means your subscriptions are overdue. Please send the amount owed(the month the last sub. was received will also be stated) without delay. If not received in the following month, no further newsletters will be sent. As it is only 6½p a day for the animals, please don't let them down - please send what you have promised when due.
If sending in money, please help the ALF/ALF(SG) by saying what it is for - ie a subscription or a donation.
If changing your method of payment (from standing order to manual or manual to standing order) please let the SG know. Members who do this will find their membership number changes so they should check the next newsletter.
If changing your address, please advise the SG and if possible give plenty of notice.

(6)A special SG badge is available to members who do one of the following:-
(i)Getting a new member to join by standing order(these will be sent on request)
(ii)Have a letter printed in a newspaper(etc;) supporting the ALF / ALF direct action.
(iii)Hold a fund raising event and raise £24 or more for the ALF.

Most members should be able to do one of the three. Please send in the (i)standing order (ii)letter (iii)cheque with a covering note giving your name and number and the special "ALF Supporter - Active Supporter Badge" will be sent to you.

(7)Please send in any newspaper(etc) article you see that mentions the ALF and advise the name and date of publication. Please write to the periodical if an ALF action takes place supporting the ALF to counteract letters from animal abusers

(8)Many manual members sent in an annual subscription at this time in 1982 - please save the SG a great deal of time & trouble by sending the next subscription when it falls due.

"As long as animal abuse is lawful in this country, we must work outside the Law to abolish it....."

(8) On 13th August 1983, the ALF successfully raided Laundry Farm, Cambridge which is the holding place for animals to be used by Cambridge University. The animals are sometimes returned there after experimentation. Fifteen dogs were rescued and are now well and in good homes. However Prof. Roy Calne who is a vivisector there made various comments in the National Press shortly after the raid. The ALF Comment on this as as follows:-

Prof. Calne made vociverous noises in the Press about how he feared the dogs rescued from his labs. would face death without treatment. It was the usual attempt to discredit members of the Animal Liberation Movement. Firstly, Calne stated that they could not be treated as it was 'impossible' to obtain - but then later admitted it was obtainable and Animal Campaigners had probably stolen it. Our understanding is that two of the dogs were found dead and the others were taken straight to a vet for treatment and attention - not least for their infected wounds. It is interesting to look at what is the fate of these dogs when left in the hands of Calne. In one of his scientific papers, he outlines their fate. He clearly leaves dogs untreated after surgery and reports that they live for 10 days. Even his treated dogs live only for 3 weeks - 3 weeks of hell before death intervenes.

He tells of the large number of dogs dying of damage to internal organs and pneumonia. Deaths from infection even in treated dogs was 35%. Can anyone be in any doubt that any dogs that escape from Laundry Farm are escaping from a living hell ?

Animal Liberation Front. 22nd September.

(9) Due to the highly successful mink liberation in September, the National and Local Press did a repeat performance of their hysterical reaction to this part of the Animal Rights Campaign. One of the reports included the disturbing statement that the liberated mink had killed a 'pet cat'. In fact an unbiased newspaper reporter advised the ALF that this was not so. The cat killed was a wild kitten living in the confines of the mink farm and the mink had attacked it because of their hunger. In other words, the Mink Farm were allowing a young cat to live in their complex and allowing it to live wild and scavenge and were obviously not feeding the mink doomed for slaughter sufficient food. It is strange that the Press do not react so violently to the suffering of animals caused by animal abusers, and it is sad to note their reluctance to print true accounts. The death of the wild cat is no less upsetting than the false story the Press printed but at least the true account shows (i)The ALF were not to blame in any way (ii)The Mink Farm(s) are totally responsible for the cruelty that arises. The Press 'conveniently' overlook that the way to stop mink liberation is to STOP MINK FARMING. An article regarding the importance of mink liberation appeared in a previous newsletter and for those who wish to read this important balanced statement, this is available for a 10p stamp and a sae.

(10)Any SG members interested in forming an organic commune and animal sanctuary may wish to contact a SG member who has these things in mind. If interested, please send your letter in response to this headed 'Organic Commune' with a 12½p stamp and it will be forwarded on.

(11) Feelings about vivisectors run very high but there is one vivisector that makes others seem like angels in comparison. Evidence that some do enter 'Research Work with Animals' for purely sadistic reasons is abundant - Dr W.R.Allen of Cambridge University(funded by the Agricultural Research Council) was carrying out an experiment on a pony in mid September(1983) in his laboratory complex. The pony was purported to have kicked out at Allen who then proceeded to beat the pony.

YOU can NOW let Allen know what you think about him and his "work"(?) - he lives at:-

149 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge.

Please don't let the animals down - let him know what YOU think NOW.

(The pony concerned was in a state of shock and too rigid to eat or drink 24 hours after this sick incident).

(12) The new A.L.F. Supporters Group Photo Collection is a set of three photographs taken during the highly successful ALF raid on the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine at St.Albans, Herts. This raid took place in July 1982 and six cats were rescued from this establishment which tortures and murders animals in cruel and painful experiments.
The photos are approx 9" x 7" (not'photocopies') and are as follows:-

(i)Masked ALF activist holding a rescued cat
(ii)Masked ALF activist holding and"nursing"a rescued cat
(iii)'Group' photograph of all the activists holding the cats rescued.

The Collection is £7.75 or any one photo. for £3. Please allow up to six weeks for delivery.

(13)Due to the increase in ALF and Animal Liberation League actions, it would seem wise to advise regarding the situation if arrested.
In an Animal Rights Symposium held a little over a year ago, Lord Houghton spoke of putting "animals into the pulpit, into politics and into the police Courts". He stated that in any fight for social or moral reform, the Law Courts have played their part. An article in the 24th March 1983 'Guardian' entitled "Peace could clog the Courts", pointed out aspects analogious to the Animal Rights Campaigners. One point being "Unless the protesters go away, it is hard to see how the police and the Courts can continue to contain them without the politicians having to take a hand".
This is indeed true if we use the Court system to maximum effect. At present, many people involved in civil disobedience and are arrested and then charged with breach of the peace are trundled through Court in a mass and 'processed' easily and effectively as they are convinced by police, other demonstrators, or on occasion, by solicitors that the best course of action is to plead 'Guilty', and be 'bound over' to keep the peace. THIS IS A LIE.

Activists must cease this action immediately, unless there is a very good reason for it. It is totally illogical to critisise the 'System' which pays so much into animal abuse and then wrongly plead 'Guilty' and quickly pay a fine into that 'System'.

It is a FACT , that it is NOT possible to breach the peace of the police or your fellow demonstrators and therefore unless the public are present, you CANNOT be found guilty of the 'offence'. It may be, that in the magistrates court, a 'guilty' verdict will be upheld on trial, but the Law demands that this is NOT upheld in the Court of Appeal. Even the charge of threatening behaviour is impossible to uphold if there is only the police and fellow demonstrators on site. It is important that in situations where large numbers of activists are arrested and held, you do not allow yourself to be cajoled into a guilty plea. In any case of arrest for whatever offence, you have a RIGHT to plead NOT GUILTY and to "face the full majesty of the Court" with a proper hearing. Animal Rights as an issue could and should clog the Courts.

The present view appears to be to hold activists in crowded dirty cells without food or drink (although the Police occasionally seem to find it hilarious to serve vegetarians/vegans with sausage, bacon and eggs when they do actually dedide to feed arrested activists). Also, that those arrested are brought before the Court without any opportunity to prepare a proper defence. YOU MUST NOT LET THIS CONTINUE TO HAPPEN. Plead not guilty and insist on your right to have your defence properly prepared. Our strength is the number of us - numbers the Courts are not equipped to deal with. If you are taking part in civil disobedience or are intending to, please remember this and you will find a reading up on the subject not only useful but invaluable. SG members abroad should also check on the Law relating to this subject. If arrested there are three things to remember (1)Only give your name and address (2)The statement 'NO COMMENT' to ALL other questions (3)Insist on seeing a solicitor.
"..The cause of Anti-vivisection is a holy cause - it must finally prevail.It is not the poor animals alone that suffer. Vivisectors are de-moralised and learn to look without pity upon the most intense suffering...."(Bishop C.C.McCabe. D.D.).

(14) SG members may wish to let Mr M H J Hancock know their feelings. Hancock is a trout farm owner who spends a considerable amount of time shooting herons that land in the trout farm area. Decomposing carcases of herons have been seen on Hancocks land. Complaints to the RSPB and RSPCA have been to no avail and the slaughter continues.....
Hancock lives at :-

Pudleigh Mill, Coombe St Nicholas, Chard, Somerset.

His telephone no. was available at time of printing this newsletter.

(15) Full details of Shamrock Farm owners/workers were given in a previous SG newsletter . Hopefully ALL SG members contacted these animal torturers but those who may not have done so, may now wish to do so after reading an article in "The Times"(August 23rd 1983) about Shamrock Farms. The paper is hardly sympathetic to Animal Rights/Anti Vivisection but even they reported:-

> "(The monkeys) will have arrived from the wild in a state of stress and sickness incurred by rapid switches through alien environments. For the flight itself, perhaps half a dozen strangers would have been crated together. Fighting is not unusual in such circumstances, and since there is nowhere to retreat, fatalities occur. It is also typical to find them, when the crate is opened, huddled in each other's arms.
> A former Shamrock Farm worker reported coming across such scenes and also finding dead babies in the containers. The mothers, he believes, were too vexed to cope with birth on the move. Shamrock's founder and chairman, EDWIN LONSDALE, admits to losing two or three animals from every batch of 50 within the first few days. But a regimen of vitamins and injections, he says, rebuilds the great majority and within about six weeks they ARE READY FOR SHIPMENT TO THE CUSTOMER...."

(16)To the disappointment of the SG,the SG has received a number of letters- fortunately only in single figures - questioning and/or condemning mink liberation. It has become sadly apparent that some (so-called) members of the Animal Rights Campaign are either ignorant of the true facts or simply, hypocritical. "Animal Rights(But not Mink Rights)" is NOT ANIMAL RIGHTS AT ALL. It is a situation of TOTAL Animal Rights or NO Animal Rights. In Animal Rights there can be NO EXCEPTIONS. The view that some living creatures are entitled to freedom and a life without pain but others are not, is no different from the viewpoint of the animal abuser - ie one set of creatures should suffer for the 'benefit' of another.
There have been suggestions that it would be better to "put down" mink or home them. It would of course be impossible to "put down" thousands of mink and of course, why should they be "put down" ??? As far as"homing" mink , this illustrates an ignorance on the subject and not surprisingly, none of those suggesting this 'option' actually offered to give a home (!).
It is not intended to pepeat the contents of an article on Mink Liberation in a previous newsletter, but the SG would point out the mink whilst imprisoned, are fed dead animals, most of whom have been factory farmed and slaughtered, so whether in a farm or liberated, their existence depends on other animals. At least when liberated, a natural situation evolves and it should be pointed out that mink have no one specific target but its dietary needs are widespread.
It has come to the SG's attention that when mink farms hit an all time 'low' in the 1950's, the farmers released many mink and yet the Press did not react with the hysteria it does now when the ALF does it for compassionate reasons. The SG would ask SG members not to believe everything the Press states but wait for the official ALF Press Release or the next SG newsletter. The ALF will continue and no doubt increase its Campaign of mink liberation until ALL mink are free and mink farms are empty desolate buildings.

"..My intentions were to prevent suffering.I did not do it out of hatred and I am not sorry for trying to save weak helpless animals from death and torture.There is a senseless taking of life.Can this really be a Court of Justice where bricks and mortar matter more than living beings ?"(Ronnie Lee to the Court. Monday 24/3/75).

(17) Regrettably, the ALF 'album' mentioned in the October newsletter is still not available. The SG will advise members as soon as it is produced and is available to purchase.

(18) In the October newsletter, a comment was made about Dick Course's remarks about the ALF and the NALL. Mr Course has advised the ALF(SG) he was misquoted in the newspaper article to which we referred. It would be helpful in future if anyone in the Animal Rights Movement is misquoted, they advise other parties concerned. The ALF have always done this and this would seem the best policy to adopt.

(19)Many SG members have kindly offered to home animals - if you are able to do this, please let the ALF know. Please advise full name and address(or membership number and surname) and telephone number(s) and state the animals you are prepared to home. It would be helpful if those offering to do this advised the ALF when a home has been given/no longer exists. Please advise whether the home is temporary or permanent. Homing is completely dependent on the circumstances prevailing at the time so if you offered to give a home and haven't been contacted, please do not worry as your kind offer will have been recorded.
It is important to note that on occasions, only very short notice will be given. The reason for this is obvious - please co-operate in this.

(20) For the last year, SG members from London have travelled over the Country to different Animal Rights demonstrations to take collections. This is of course proving difficult sometimes so if SG members are prepared to involve themselves in this very important work, then please let the ALF know. Collectors are badly needed at demonstrations and is a very effective way of helping the ALF - and the animals it is liberating. Pub collections can be taken if the owner is asked and consent given. Very little is involved in this method of really helping the ALF. If you are interested in this, please forward a passport-size photo and the ALF will forward a collecting tin together with a collection card and badge to show you are a proper Collector. Please do offer to do this if you can.

(21) <u>The A.L.F. - Superhumans ?</u>
From letters the ALF/ALF(SG) receives, it seems that many consider ALF activists are endowed with near superhuman energy, intelligence and agility. This of course is NOT the case, they are normal ordinary members of the Animal Rights Campaign that belong and work for the Animal Rights organisations they belong to e.g. Animal Aid, BUAV, NAVS, CIWF, HSA, etc;. The ALF frequently receives letters from older members referring to ALF activists as "you young people", this again is NOT the case. Minimum and maximum age 'limits' are at the discretion of the local ALF group but there are ALF activists in their 50's and 60's. Please bear in mind it is someone like *<u>YOU</u>* that makes the usual ALF activist ! The next SG newsletter account of a raid could be the one *<u>YOU</u>* took part in and carried out successfully. Please think this over.....

(22)Please do remember that at this time of the year, most humans celebrate the hope of Peace and better things in the coming new year. For the animals imprisoned in animal abuse establishments, this is just a fantasy which can only be achieved through a miracle. You can make that miracle happen and make their dream a REALITY by supporting the ALF. Please help the ALF to give the animals a year which includes freedom and a life free of pain and agonising death.

"..I have not come to beg for mercy for myself. I ask for justice for those animals, creatures who are so brutally treated by the human kind.There are some of us who will not stand by while defenceless creatures are cruelly exploited. Whether inside or outside prison, THIS STRUGGLE WILL GO ON....."
(Ronnie Lee(ALF Press Officer)'s statement to the Court 24th March 1975 immediately before being sentenced to three years imprisonment for raiding and damaging animal persecution establishments.)

Diary of ALF Actions

(1)(Late report) ALF damage London Furriers, Newland St,Kettering.£500 damage.23/6/83
(2)(Late report)8/8/83.ALF break into Ilford Shop in which 20 pigeons had been caught
(3)7/8/83. ALF break into house in Crouch End and rescue two puppies left inside by'owners'. Vet confirmed they were covered in fleas,had worms and malnourished.
(4)14/8/83.IALF do £1300 damage to North York(Toronto,Canada)dog pound sending dogs for vivisection. Vehicles used by pound daubed "No dogs for research".
(5)17/8/83. ALF raid Blackrod,Norwich battery farm and rescue 50 hens.Now in good homes. Press advised "unit as cramped and birds living in appallling conditions"
(6) 19/8/83. Poplars Pet Centre,Chelmsford notorious for its bad treatment of animals for sale, damaged by ALF.
(7)19/8/83. ALF damage property belonging to Nat.Fed.of Meat Traders, Tunbridge Wells
(8)14/8/83. ALF damage butchers using ritual slaughter, Highbury & Finsbury Park.
(9)20/8/83. ALF damage 2 butchers shops, Brockley, London
(10)20/8/83. ALF rescue rabbit living in squalid conditions from house in Bognor Regis
(11)26/8/83.ALF damage vehicle belonging to Chipperfields Circus,Bournemouth.Due to actions by ALF and other animal rights groups, circus had to leave 2 weeks early
(12)31/8/83.ALF rescue 8 hens from factory farm, Castlereagh hills, Belfast. Hens now in good homes. Damage also done.
(13)31/8/83.ALF severely damage property belonging to Horse(Slaughter)dealer, Beaulieu,New Forest.
(14)4/9/83.ALF raid Chalk Pit Farm, Whiteparish and rescue ten rabbits. Farm breeds rabbits for food. Photos taken and sent to Press showing rabbits in cramped cages.
(15)6/9/83.ALF raid Parke Davis Research Labs.,Cambridge. This complex performs very painful tests on animals and is due to be expanded. ALF painlessly euthanised animals inside as they were dying and could not be moved/helped and then set fire to complex - result was £500,000 damage and no more laboratory.....
(16)4/9/83.Butchers, Streatham High Rd,London damaged by ALF
(17)10/9/83. ALF burn tractor unit of Buxted Poultry unit,Boreham.£10,000 damage.
(18)12/9/83. ALF liberate 3,300 mink from mink farms in Brome,Suffolk & Canewdon,Essex
(19)18/9/83. ALF rescue 6 rabbits from rabbit fur/meat breeder,Bracknell, Berks
(20)21/9/83.ALF rescue 6 rabbits from fur farm, Worksworth, Derbs.
(21)22/9/83. ALF do £400 damage to fur shop, Liverpool
(22)25/9/83. Midlands ALF attack 9 shops in Rugby connected with animal abuse (butchers, bloodsports,etc;) Many hundreds of pounds worth of damage.
(23)25/9/83. ALF raid Ferndown School,Bournemouth and rescue 50 mice destined for dissection.Damage also done - warning of further damage if dissection continues.
(24)26/9/83. ALF raid factory farm, Boldheath,St Helens and rescue 50 hens.Damage also
(25)27/9/83. ALF damage Skincraft fur shop, Wood Green,London .
(26)2/10/83. ALF rescue 16 rabbits from Lincolnshire fur/meat farm.Now in good homes.
(27)1/10/83. Newly-formed ALF group complete a 100% successful raid on Downe Research Labs., Downe,Kent. Six dogs rescued and now in good homes and damage done.
(28)2/10/83. As RSPCA failed to act, ALF rescue dogs from cruel'owner',Bristol.
(29)2/10/83.ALF damage advertisements for circus, Wanstead,London.
(30)4/10/83. ALF damage and daub slogans on Sudbury,Berks chicken farm.
(31)7/10/83.ALF severely damage poultry slaughterhouse, Tiverton, Devon.
(32)8/10/83. ALF smash window of George Vincent furshop, Camberwell,London
(33)9/10/83.ALF damage new butchers shop, Woodham Ferrers, Essex.
(34)10/10/83. ALF damage Biorex labs.(London) - again.
(35)12/10/83.ALF raid Cocksparrow fox fur farm,Lea Marston, Warwicks. 4 red foxes liberated and considerable damage done.
(36)12/10/83. ALF damage Blanks fur shop, Hull.
(37)13/10/83.Window of M.Blain,Kettering, furshop smashed by ALF.
(38)14/10/83.Gold Range,Aldgate,London furshop damaged by ALF
(39)14/10/83. ALF damage butchers shop, Bath, Avon.
(40)17/10/83. ALF accomplish £4000 damage to Upminster,Essex, slaughterhouse property
(41)17/10/83. ALF raid Dunns Labs. Cambridge. 200 mice rescued-now in good homes. Monkey restraining chair destroyed. £10,000 worth of damage.
(42)24/10/83. ALF damage George Rose Furriers, Derby. Also, Debenhams(re fur sales) Boots in city centre and branch in Allenton. In Spondon, butchers damaged also.

The Animal Liberation Front - Bringing Animal Abuse to a HALT ***
(Re (15) Press reports dam age as £1,000,000 in later reports).

The Animal Liberation Front - an investment in the animals' future - NOW !

The A.L.F. takes this opportunity to thank all SG members for their valuable and generous support.
Some members have written to the ALF about supporting direct action itself. The ALF no longer has the burden of paying activist's costs so this has been of great help. However, there has been a sharp decrease in funds, presumably because those people who used to send money to the ALF for direct action, now belong to the ALF(SG). Many actioms are now taking place as you will see from the newsletter 'diary of actions' and these are now very costly - for example, the highly successful raid on the notorious Buckston Browne Research Labs, in Downe Kent on October 1st (Damage to premises and six dogs liberated and now in good homes) cost nearly £300. The ALF think this is money very well spent as animals doomed for abuse, torture and agonising degrading death are being rescued and taken to good caring homes.

The ALF therefore wonders whether any SG members would be interested in supporting ("investing") in direct action itself. e.g.:-

(i)Purchase of tools and travelling costs
(ii)Upkeep of ALF vehicles
(iii)Feeding and the treatment of rescued animals(Vet's fees are frequently paid due to the terrible state of the animals when rescued)
(iv)Propa ganda - the ALF believes a great part of the battle for Animal Rights is propaganda. One example of this is the careful production and sending of reports to foreign newspapers - this has had the direct result of animal liberation abroad - France, Germany, Australia, Canada, America, Holland, Italy, etc; etc;.
(v)The training of ALF activists - as animal abusers now realise the ALF has a Campaign to destroy all forms of animal abuse, they are now preparing for more ALF attacks and activists now need training to combat and overcome this.

The success of the ALF has been the millions of pounds worth of damage to animal persecution establishments (which has DIRECTLY saved animals) and the hundreds of thousands of animals rescued/liberated - in just SEVEN YEARS. The ALF therefore hopes there will be many who will support the fast growing and ever-increasing Campaign of direct action against animal abuse. At this time, the ALF is the ONLY hope the animals have ! For the animal abusers, it is too late to stop the ALF - it is too established and too many ALF activists are carrying out ALF actions - the only question that now remains is not IF animal abuse will be eradicated but WHEN. The ALF obviously wants to see the process speeded up and this CAN BE DONE through increased support - YOU can be an ALF 'Sponsor' and know you are part of the highly successful campaign against animal suffering. The only conditions are (i)You must be an SG member - and continue to be so. (ii)A minimum of £10 (which works out to be just 2½p a day) is paid. Hopefully members will want to send more. Quite simply, the more money received, the quicker the ALF can effect animal liberation. With the ALF, at least supporters can REALLY see where their money is going and what it is achieving. For those participating in this important scheme, a special and exclusive badge has been produced - with an ALF activist liberating an animal with the words "I'm sponsoring the Animal Liberation Front". The cost of these badges is NOT coming from ALF/ALF(SG) funds but from a kind and generous SG member who has suggested and paid for this. Once a year, all 'Sponsors' will receive a report of an action that has only been achieved through their DIRECT SUPPORT. ALF sponsors can also specify where they want their money to go by returning this form and 'ticking' (i)(ii)(iii)(iv)or(v) above.
Important note to ALF(SG) Sanctuary supporters:- Although many SG members kindly offered to lend money for an ALF(SG) sanctuary, insuffieient money was pledged and various problems arose - therefore this plan has been cancelled and those who pledged money may wish to involve themselves in this sponsorship.

The ALF is ready to rescue the animals and bring about the end of all animal torture, imprisonment, suffering, degradation and death - NOW IT'S UP TO YOU. Please help.
Thank you.

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Please complete and forward with your sponsorship:-
Surname:- SG membership number:-

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Animal Liberation Front !

THE BEGINNING OF ANIMAL LIBERATION

AND THE END OF ANIMAL ABUSE

February 1984

One of the fifteen dogs rescued from Laundry Farm, Cambridge on August 12th 1983 by the Animal Liberation Front.



Political Campaigning for Animal Rights - Fiction, Farce and Futility.

The ALF(SG) has waited for the storm clouds of the 1983 political campaigning to die down before commenting again on the utter hopelessness of political campaigning to achieve Animal Rights/Liberation.

It is obviously with considerable grief and great sadness that the ALF looks back at the energy, time and the colossal amount of money involved in the 1983 Campaign. Whilst ALF activists have their targets, the animals inside await their Liberation and all that holds them back is the finance to equip themselves, it is NOW time to quietly reflect on the terrible waste of this type of Campaigning. Most ALF activists are literally in the state of 'willing and able' to free the animals and yet so much money is being directed to this costly and nonsensical programme of poltical campaigning.

Whether you agree with the various other Campaigns that exist at this time or not is irrelevant - the fact is that they have more support, more demonstrations and more money and Government refuses to listen - so what hope for the Animals ? At what time have politicians, let alone Government ever genuinely shown any interest in really effecting Animal Rights in this country ? Daily we hear of the deceit and deep corruption within politics and yet some would have us believe those who indulge in this will suddenly show interest in Animal Rights.

The ALF grew up through people seeing that 100 years of peaceful lawful actions - including political lobbying was NOT helping the animals. Political campaigning is a gamble that must always lose and this is a cause of great distress and anxiety as it is a GAMBLE WITH ANIMALS' LIVES. SG members and all members of various Animal Rights organisations can obtain details of the finance alone involved in the political campaigning and without doubt, they will be truly saddened. The political Campaigners no doubt presume that once over, their irresponsible behaviour will be quickly forgotten - however, genuine Animal Rights Workers will not forget so quickly - AND THE ANIMALS NEVER WILL.

An excellent article appeared in a recent 'Flesh & Blood' by Peter Mosby, Secretary of the Animal Protection Association whose hard work and fund raising is gratefully acknowledged by the ALF(SG). Parts of this article are as follows:- "..They had the idea of persuading political parties to include animal welfare issues in manifestos, and then told people which party to vote for. A brilliant idea, but a gamble that has failed and will cost us all a great deal because they did not pause to consider the consequences should they fail. The whole scheme was an unmitigated disaster. (Now) when the Animal Rights Movement makes representation to the Government, it will not be as a pressure group but as part of the opposition, and there is a great difference. We are there to fight animal abuse and will campaign against all who support the use of animals in an immoral way, be they Labour, Conservative or any other....We do not believe that animals should be used as political pawns. They are ABOVE party politics and to suggest otherwise is to lower their status..... "

The ALF(SG) therefore asks that all members of all Animal Rights organisations make it perfectly clear to the organisations they belong to that the amount of time and money involved in political campaigning should be substancially reduced and used for aspects which DO benefit the animals - leaflet production & distribution, other forms of propaganda, direct action , getting the subject of animal abuse and Liberation into the media etc;. We frequently use the words "Campaign", "Animal Liberation" "Animal Rights", etc; etc; and at times it is easy to forget these words cover the extreme suffering and anguish of each and every individual animal. Our attention must be to the Animals at all times and we must avoid 'glossing' over their degradation and terrible suffering. The political Campaign DOES this by creating a secondary target.

The Political campaigners in their pathetic attempt to justify their spending sprees will often refer to say, the suffragettes who obtained the Vote for Women - at the same time they conveniently overlook to mention (i) The suffragette target was the Government itself whilst Government is NOT the target of the Animal Rights Campaign - it is the Animal Persecution establishments and those who work in and support them. (ii)The simple fact of the matter is that Government

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is now 'geared up' to repel campaigns of this type - the proof of this is abundant - as can be clearly seen by other non Animal Rights Campaigns.

Those who really care about the animals need only ask themselves the following questions to ascertain what is REALLY needed:-
(a)How many animals has the political campaign saved ? (b)In view of the attitude of politicians both past and present, what chance is there of the political campaign succeeding ? (c)In view of the political Campaign achieving a complete 'zero', what value is there is continuing further campaigns ? (d)What has the political campaign acfually achieved ? (e)Has the campaign any chance of succeeding in view of the number of politicians disinterested in the Animal Rights subject and those actually involved in animal abuse(farming, investments in vivisection, etc;).

It cannot be said for certain whether people are corrupt before they enter politics or whether they are corrupted after entering into the political arena but it doesn't require too much intelligence to see what type of people the Political Campaigners are relying on. One illustration of this was the recent vote on M.P.'s pay increase - on the day of the vote there were some 20 or so M.P.'s in the House of Commons in the evening but by the time the Vote on M.P.'s pay rise came, there was standing room only as all M.P.'s rushed back to ensure they obtained the maximum pay rise possible for themselves - just one example of many which shows what the people are like who the political campaigners are relying on.

Some might say that "At the end of the day, whatever the ALF does, surely animal abuse will have to be abolished by Government legislation ?". The honest answer to this is 'No'. Obviously if Government does legislate, then so much the better,but if it refuses to legislate despite peaceful campaigning and even ALF direct action,the animal abuse system will be forced out of business through the damage and financial ruin caused by ALF damage and direct action. This safely by-passes the Government if it refuses to legislate and in fact the ALF is the only Animal Rights organisation that has a philosophy and method that includes this important safety valve in case Government will not legislate.

More animals have been saved and public awareness of animal abuse has been effected in just 20 years of direct action by the ALF and other groups (HSA, NALL, EALL, WALL, SEALL) than 100 years of political campaingning - FACT.

Even those who are quite happy with the present electoral system will still admit that it is NOT representative of the populations feelings,due to non proportional representation, ever changing constituency boundaries to 'suit' the party in Government, etc; etc; so how can any genuine person who truly cares about animals rely on this farcical Campaign of politics ?

It also takes no account of the fact that so many people in this country are still so very ignorant of the true horrors of animal abuse - how can you Campaign for something when most voters are disinterested or ignorant of the subject?

As long as the political campaign continues, then animals will die with no hope of rescue or liberation, vital funds needed will be redirected off for a bet that can never win, ALF activists will have to choose one target out of five simply because there isn't enough money to 'deal' with all five. SG members can change this - create a situation where animals do really have a chance - please - for the sake of the animals - follow this up.

"..First they(the animals) have done us no harm, next, that they have no power whatever to resistance; it is the cowardice and tyranny of which they are the victims which make their suffering so especially touching. There is something so very dreadful, so Satanic in tormenting those who have never harmed us and who cannot defend themselves, who are utterly in our power..."(Cardinal Newman)

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A.L.F. Raid on Curwin Poultry Farm, Theale, Reading. (4)

The raid on Curwin Poultry Farm took place on 16th April 1983.
".....Our group of 14 members, went to Curwin Poultry Farm at Theale late at night. The farm is situated on the side of a motorway and was not overlooked. It had been visited by some members of our group on several occasions before and from these visits, our group got a good idea of its lay-out and the best time to raid it. We decided to take a member of the Press along so the raid would be reported in the Press the next day. We felt this would be a reminder to all animal abusers, the ALF was increasing its Campaign. We left in two vehicles and took sacks and baskets with us. Also the 'tools' we would find necessary.

We met the Press at a pre-arranged place and they followed us to our destination. Two miles from the farm we stopped in a car park and two of the group cut the farm's telephone wires. We found this more difficult than we anticipated - one hand is needed to hold on to the pole whilst the other holds the cutters and cuts the wire. Because of this we could only use small cutters and there was some difficulty before we eventually managed to cut through the thick wire. We felt this was all worth it as we then knew the farmers could not call the police if we were seen. Our vehicle and the Press car drove into the farm area and we all got out except the vehicle drivers who then drove off from the area.

Our first obstacle was a four feet wide ditch full of mud . We all jumped over this and left three planks of wood on the farm side that were six feet long. We then had to cut through a wire fence with our wire cutters and we made sure we cut out a large opening in case we had to make a speedy exit ! The battery sheds were now only 30 yards away from us and we made our way across this area keeping as low as possible. Even the outside of the sheds were terribly filthy and we waded through this ankle-deep. Two of the group went forward to look into the sheds to check if everything was in order. They gave the all-clear to those remaining and we went forward with the bolt croppers and the padlocks were quickly disposed of. All but two went into the shed - the remaining two staying outside acting as look-outs. The chickens were very quiet until one of our group took some photographs. They then started fluttering about as best they could in the tiny cages. We worked in pairs as planned - one holding a sack and the other placing the chickens inside carefully.

As soon as each pair had taken the number they could manage, they left the shed and started slowly making their way back to where we came from. One member stayed behind and painted the sheds with appropriate slogans. The sight of the insides were as distressing and sickening as one sees photos. of - just lines and lines of small cages going along the walls in tiers with the chickens cramped inside. The sheds were filthy and foul-smelling inside. The member of our group carefully painted on the anti-factory farming slogans on the shed walls facing the motorway and we were back at the 4 feet wide ditch as a group again. As we were carrying the sacks, we knew we would have the responsibility of making sure no harm came to the chickens inside so as a safety measure we placed the boards across the ditch which had been left behind earlier and walked across them. The boards were picked up and we were all shocked to see a dark shadowy figure walking about nearby - it was the Press photographer ! We shouted at him to 'get down' which he did immediately(This being one of the disadvantages of inviting the Press along !). After only 2-3 minutes, the two vehicles drove up and we all got in. We then drove to a carpark and the Press took pictures of our group holding the liberated chickens. We then left immediately to the place where the chickens were to be kept for the night. The next day they were taken to their new homes where they adjusted to their new found freedom very quickly. A report and picture of our raid appeared in the following 'Sunday Mirror'....."

"For a man to torture an animal whose lifeguard is put into his hands is a disgraceful thing. Such a meanness of spirit as his honour requires him to shun. If he does it out of wantonness, he is a fool and a coward; if for pleasure, he is a monster....."(Richard Dean).

Question. In the last few years there has been an increase in ALF direct action - why do you think this has happened ?
Ronnie Lee. One reason is that 100 years of campaigning hasn't got anywhere - through the legal methods, peaceful protest and petitions, etc;. Direct action offers some hope that the other traditional methods don't. Direct action can also save animals immediately. It's not a question of waiting for a law to be passed in the future to save animals from suffering.
Direct action started back in the early 1960's when the Hunt Saboteurs(HSA) was formed - the first radical animal liberation group. They didn't go as far as the ALF in breaking the law, but they did confront the hunts. The ALF has grown from that, by people thinking they have to go even further to save animals. I think there has been a gradual feeling of frustration with the traditional methods.
Q. What sorts of people became involved with the ALF 6-7 years ago ?
RL. They were mostly people who were members of other animal protection societies who were frustrated at the lack of achievement of those societies and they were from all sorts of backgrounds.
Q.How did you first become involved in the Animal Liberation Movement ?
RL. It was through knowing a chap who was vegetarian.I couldn't find fault with his arguments and so I became vegetarian also. I then began to look more closely into the whole question of animals and learnt about factory farming, experiments on animals and hunting. I felt I had to do something about it so I joined the HSA. During 1972-73 half a dozen of us in the HSA decided that a yet more militant ferm of action was needed against hunting and against all other forms of animal abuse. We formed a group, the Band of Mercy, named after a RSPCA group in the 19th century who damaged guns used for pheasant shooting. We started off going round to hunt kennels the night before a hunt and doing very mild damage to the vehicles so they couldn't be used. We went on to cause damage to laboratories and to take animals out. When you use direct action on things like vivisection, it inevitably gets heavier. It means breaking into property and taking animals and causing damage. That's why a different organisation had to be formed - at that time, most of those in the HSA didn't agree with that sort of action.

In 1975, Cliff Goodman and I were sent to prison for a year.During that time I worried that it would end. They had put two of us in prison and everyone else would either be afraid of going into prison or think we were foolish for doing it.(There were 14 charges of arson, criminal damage and possession of implements for causing damage - targets were animal torture labs., vans used to transport the animals, boats used for seal slaughter and property of companies breeding animals for vivisection). It was exactly the opposite - the fact that we had gone to prison inspired a lot of people who wanted to take direct action themselves. I couldn't believe it because before we'd gone to prison, people in the animal protection societies had been opposed to what we were doing. In 1976 we changed our name to the Animal Liberation Front with many more people wanting to come in. It's continued to grow since then. Now we are many hundreds of active people.
Q. What about membership of the ALF ?
RL. As far as the active side of the ALF is concerned, there is no 'official' membership. People are members by what they do, not by anything they've said or signed. They vary from those who take direct action once or twice a week to once or twice a year depending on their own personal circumstances. There are of course many people involved in other ways rather than directly taking action; those who give homes to the rescued animals and donate equipment and vehicles.

"..If as we know, the creatures with fur, feathers or fins are our brothers and sisters in a lower stage of development, them, their very weakness and inability to protest, demands that man should refrain from torturing them for the mere possibility of obtaining some knowledge which he believes may be to his own interest"(Luther Burbank).

ALF raid on the Royal College of Surgeons, Downe, Kent (6)

The Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) carry out painful experiments on animals -eg dogs, monkeys, pigs, etc;. Our group of four members decided that the RCS needed an "ALF visit" and we set about planning our raid. When two of us first viewed the labs., we thought it was going to be easy - however, this was not the case and over several months we planned out the raid to the minute and took into account all the things that could possibly happen.

As a new ALF group we knew a lot of equipment and research would be needed - ie bolt croppers, crow-bars, CB radios, thick gloves(in case any animals were nervous and bit us !), leads and collars. We agreed choke chains would be best in view of the circumstances. We also got muzzles and sorted out the vehicles we would need.

The raid itself was October 1st(1983). The RCS is situated well out in the country-side and surrounded by fields although there are a few houses nearby. There is a barbed wire fence surrounding the RCS although the kennels have a 7 foot fence around them which bends in at the top. The premises are well lit and there were security alarms on some doors and windows. On the monkey houses, the windows are frosted so we could not see in although we could clearly hear them scratching and moving about. The first thing that caught our attention is the large chimney - even on a hot summers day it was smoking - we didn't have to use much imagination to realise what they were burning in the furnaces and we realised there were two ways animals in the RCS come "out" - either as smoke through the chimney after being burnt in the furnaces or through an ALF raid.

After a great deal of planning, we decided upon raiding the place early in the night so we could mix in with the traffic still on the road rather than travel alone and look suspicious. We met an hour before the raid and went through the details once more - each one listing the jobs allocated to them. We checked our watches and moved off to the final parking place fairly near to the RCS. Getting to the rear of the lab. involved a walk of approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile . The night was very dark with little moon and a mist hung low over the fields. We had been careful to all wear black and with our balaclavas, we even had difficulty seeing each other !

Each of us carried the tools we were responsible for and before we got to the lab. we checked the CB radios. By using the 'squelch' button, one can cut out all other broadcasts except those using the same channel within a short distance. On arrival at the kennels, we were horrified to see the main lights were on - they had never been on before and we felt sure someone was in the kennels. We decided to carry on but abort the raid if anyone from the RCS appeared. Our 'look-out' went to take up their position with one of the radios - their job was to watch the security guard's house and to warn us of anyone else walking around. We then went ahead and cut through the barbed wire and entered the grounds. We went up to the kennels and peered through the kennel window - we saw, to our relief, no one was inside. At this point we were told to stop moving as the guard had come out - he stood by his door for a few minutes and then went back inside - our look-out gave us the all clear and we then began to cut the bolt on the 7 foot steel fence gate. The bolt croppers made short work of this although part of the bolt fell to the ground with a loud noise. Two of us then entered the kennel run inside the fencing leaving the other member of the group watching the pathway. We had a choice of whether to use treacle paper(carefully folded newspaper smeared in treacle) or just tape to break the window - we decided to do this with tape. At this time the dogs started barking but this did not worry us too much as they do this every time they hear a noise - a bird landing on the roof, a fox running by, etc;. With a sharp stone we hit the window - it didn't break ! We then tried hitting it with the crowbars but it made little impression on the glass - it then became obvious the window was reinforced and couldn't be broken. We then decided to crowbar it open.

Using two crowbars, we finally succeeded in breaking the window open and although the glass shattered, the tape kept it together. Using a cane we had brought along, we propped it open so we could enter. Before entering we checked it wasn't wired up - which thankfully it wasn't.

Once inside we saw there was a row of cages on both sides and an office was situated at the rear. We then made a quick mental check of what animals could be liberated. In each cage on one side was a greyhound - they had no bedding and only the cold hard concrete to lie on. Only one of the kennels had water placed inside for the dog. There was urine running over the floor and excrement everywhere.

The dogs had very upset stomachs, so the mess we found inside was understandable - the kennels had obviously not been cleaned for quite some while. On the other side there were a number of piglets but as homes for pigs are very very few, we knew we could not take them. At the very end cage, there was a very sick alsation. It had a badly sewn up wound down the length of its back and was obviously in very great pain. It was lying on its side on the concrete floor growling gently at us. We spent a great deal of time trying to entice it to move until with great sadness we realised, we could not help it. To this day, the memory of this dog with its wound and pathetic eyes which seemed to understand who we were and what we were doing, still haunts us. We can only hope it is no longer in the pain and misery we saw it in.

We decided to take the dogs nearest the door and we unbolted their cage doors and placed a collar and lead on them and tied them on to the door temporarily. When all six dogs were ready for their 'exit' out of this hell hole, we told the member outside to call up the other member on the radio. The main door of the kennels was heavily wired up so we knew that once open, we would have to move off at a fast speed. We planned to crowbar it open but to our pleasant surprise, one of the lab. staff had left the key in the door ! The door was swiftly unlocked and three of us took two dogs each while the other member collected all the tools etc; together to make sure nothing was left behind. We then ran as fast as we could back to the two vehicles. The dogs seemed to think it was all tremendous fun and happily bounced along beside us. We got back to the vehicles and put the dogs inside.

We then drove off - each vehicle going different ways - to the place where the rescued dogs would be held for the night. There they were fed and watered and we checked them - they had not been experimented upon but had numerous cuts and sores where they had been lying on a concrete floor. We then took some photographs of them. The next day they were placed in their new homes. We made sure our tools were carefully hidden and other incriminating items were disposed of.

We had arranged their new homes a short while before and made sure the holding place for the night did not have suspicious or interfering neighbours.

We have been lucky enough to remain in touch with some of the people who homed the dogs and we have seen them getting fitter, also playing and running with other dogs or simply curled up in front of a fire .

As a new group we of course had great apprehension about the raid but we found that after planning the whole action and making sure we thought of anything unexpected happening, it really ran very smoothly.
This action only evolved through frustration at very little happening - we all hope for Animal Liberation in 1990 or whatever year, but this does not help the animals now - it was only through an ALF raid, the animals suffering now could be helped. If anyone had suggested us doing a successful ALF raid, say a year ago, we would have laughed but now we can see how ordinary members of the Animal Rights/Liberation Struggle can carry out actions of this type with the planning that is needed and the tools that will be necessary.

This may have been our first ALF action, but it certainly will not be our last; the cries of the animals we were unable to rescue remain in our minds and we shall never stop until the Day comes when animals are no longer exploited, persecuted, tortured and murdered by the vivisector, factory farmer, huntsmen, etc;. The Day of Animal Liberation is beginning to dawn.....

Dictated by the members of the ALF group who raided Downe RCS on 1st October 1983.

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ALF Supporters - 1. (8)

(1)Many thanks to those SG members who have sent in newspaper articles relating to ALF actions etc;. Also to those who have sent in foreign stamps for the RSPCA group mentioned in a previous newsletter. These are both very much appreciated - if you can send in cuttings and stamps, the SG would be very grateful.
(2)If you can, please distribute SG membership forms at Animal Rights demonstrations (these should only be given to those already in the Animal Rights Campaign). If you can photocopy them, please do so as this will save the SG postage costs. If you can photocopy them, please ensure the complete form is copied - ie the date & signature entries at the bottom. Thanks
(3)The ALF Supporters Group postcard is available. It shows four highly successful ALF actions in 1982. The cards are 10p each or 10 for 75p. Some Animal Rights organisations might wish to sell these for local funds they need - in which case they are only £6.75 per 100(which includes postage).
(4)Back-copies of SG newsletters(1,2,3,4,5,6,7 or 8) are available. These cost 30p each to reproduce and send so please send at least 30p to cover this.
(5)ALF posters(the size of this page) are available. It includes a large picture as on the SG members' badge with "Support the Animal Liberation Front" below. These are 25 for £1.00 (which includes postage). Just think of all those places these can be put up.....
(6)Please ALWAYS state your membership number(shown on the address label on the newsletter envelope). There are still some who do not do this and a great amount of time would be saved if the number was always stated - sending in orders, manual payments, etc;.
If you pay manually and not by standing order and the word'DUE' appears on the envelope flap, it means several payments are outstanding. The month the last payment was received will also be stated. If this occurs, please forward what you owe immediately. If not received within the following month, membership will be terminated. As it is only 6½p a day, we trust this will not occur.
If sending in money, please state what it is for - donation or subscription.
If changing your method of payment(manual to standing order or s/o to manual) please let the SG know - please note your membership number will change also.
Please advise change of address giving as much notice as possible.
Many manual payers sent in an annual subscription at this time last year - please save the ALF(SG) time and trouble by sending in the renewal sub. when it falls due.
And finally, when ordering anything, it would be of great help if an addressed envelope was enclosed (stamp appreciated) - this will be used in replying so it should be written very clearly.
(7)The present ALF(SG) Photo. Collection is a set of three photographs taken during the highly successful ALF raid on the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine at St Albans, Hertfordshire. This took place in July 1982 and six cats were rescued from this 'School'(?) which tortures and murders animals in cruel and painful experiments involving deadly diseases. The photos. are approx 8"x10" (not'photocopies') and are:-
(a)Masked ALF activist holding a rescued cat
(b)Masked ALF activist'nursing' a rescued cat
(c)"Group" photograph of all the ALF activists involved holding the cats rescued.
The collection is £7.75 or any one photo. for £3. Please allow up to six weeks for delivery.
(8) You can help the ALF/ALF(SG) by doing one(or more) of the following:-
(i)Get a new member to join the SG by standing order(these will be supplied on request)
(ii)Have a letter printed in a newspaper etc; supporting ALF/ALF Direct Action
(iii)Hold a fund raising event and raise £24 or more for the ALF.
Most people should be able to do one of these.Please send in the standing order or newspaper cutting or the fund-raising money and the special "ALF Supporter - Active Supporter" badge will be sent to you. Please ensure you include your name and membership number with it. Thank you.

(9)The ALF 'album' mentioned in the October newsletter is still not available - the SG will advise as soon as it is produced and available(hopefully later this year)

(10)If you are able to give a home to an animal, please let the ALF know. Please say what animals you can home and the number together with details of whether it is temporary or permanent with your name, address and telephone number(s). If you have already offered a home and have not been contacted, there is no need to worry as homing strictly depends on the circumstances and area prevailing at the time.

(11)An opinion poll carried out by Croydon(Surrey)Animal Aid in September/October 1983 revealed some interesting details. Asking the general public several questions including the following "Do you approve of raids carried out by the Animal Liberation Front to free animals about to be experimented upon ?", this specific question had the following response :- Yes-46%. No-37%. (Don't know-17%). But those persons aged under 21 responded as follows:- YES- 70%
Hope for the animals in the years to come ? It certainly seems so .....

(12)The SG knows many members are also members of the RSPCA. If you do belong to the RSPCA, please vote for the following people at the RSPCA election for National Council membership:-
Beryl Spence. Margaret House. Roger House. Kim Stallwood.

(13)Hopefully all SG members will be aware of the terrible cruelty and suffering inflicted upon helpless animals by Wellcome 'Research' Labs. One person working for this establishment is:-
Dr John A G Parke of 8 Beechwood Rd, Sanderstead, Surrey.

Parke is a vociferous supporter of animal experimentation and admitted in a letter he wrote not long ago to a local newspaper, he sometimes 'causes distress to animals'. Parke is content to live in comfort with his wife Wendy on the proceeds of his obscene'work' but **YOU** can let him know what YOU think about animal experimentation. His telephone number was available at the time of going to print.

(14)ALF raid on Laundry Farm, Cambridge(August 1983).
In this raid not only were dogs rescued(for the second time in 1983) but 'Professor' Calne who experiments on dogs kept there was shown to be a liar and somewhat stupid in saying the drug needed to keep the dogs alive was not available and the dogs would die and then having to admit it was. The newspapers also included photos. of the dogs very much alive and healthy afterwards. This was so successful in that it was a 100% victory for many aspects of the Anti Vivisection cause.

Unfortunately the police have arrested and charged four people they believe were connected with this raid. Anyone wishing to donate money for defence/legal costs can send it to the ALF(SG) - a covering note saying it is for the Laundry Farm Defence Fund would be appreciated. Thanks.

(15)Regrettably (again !) the SG hears of critisism of the ALF by Richard Course of the League Against Cruel Sports. At the Bournemouth & Poole Animal Aid meeting on 6/12/83 he stated that as far as direct action was concerned "You can stick it up your backside". It is sad there is critisism such as this of the only organisation saving animals NOW and this critisism is unnecessary vulgarity. Perhaps any SG members who belong to the LACS and even left money to it will reconsider what their money is paying for. If critisism of the ALF was specific and exact, the SG would be pleased to deal with this but vague crude generalised attacks of this type cannot be answered. The ALF doesn't need attacks like this, nor deserve them and the animals it is saving CERTAINLY DO NOT.

"Support them or deplore them, the activities of the Animal Liberation Front are a logical extension of the dedicated work of a frustrated force which has explored lawful avenues and found them to be dead ends or too long; the animals are still suffering....."(Barry Kew in 'Times Educational Supplement'. 4/11/83).
"..The actual raid itself is run with military precision...each has a specific job to do...they do not come ffom conventional criminal background or mix in criminal circles. Apart from the raids they usually lead perfectly normal lives. Cells of activists work separately shunning any sort of formal network to make security as tight as possible....."(Cambridge Evening News. 18/11/83).

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Diary of ALF Actions. (10)

(1)(Late report). ALF group cause damage to Biorex Labs., Islington, London. 14/10/83

(2)18/10/83. Southampton, Hampshire. ALF damage Erics fur shop whilst anti-fur demo was taking place inside.

(3)27/10/83. ALF let off 'stink bombs' in fur dept. of Debenhams, Cambridge. All customers left and dept. was closed for some time.

(4)25/10/83. ALF daub slogans on Hull ab atoir building condemning the slaughter of animals for food.

(5)28/10/83.ALF daub anti-ritual slaughter slogans on Universal Halal Meat Services, ritual slaughterhouse in Pontllanfraith, Mid Glamorgan.

(6)27/10/83. ALF cause over £1000 damage to property belonging to Wellcome Vivisector J Kerry of St Johns Rd, Petts Wood, Kent.

(7)23/10/83. ALF damage Shiverland fur shop, Orpington, Kent.

(8)29/10/83. ALF members join the 1500 demonstrators demonstrating against Cock-sparrow Farm which breeds foxes for fur in very cruel conditions.(Lea Marston, Warwicks.) Extensive damage done - received national publicity.

(9)30/10/83. Boston, Lincs. ALF group enter Phoenix Poultry farm and rescue 14 hens which are now well and in good homes.

(10)31/10/83. Severely restricting the rights of animals, Markeaton Park,(Derby) park banned dogs from entering(despite having access for last 75 years). ALF destroy signs stating this ban and painted slogans against the high-handed attitude of the Derby Council.

(11)31/10/83. Islington, London, ALF damage 5 butchers shops. Also a meat wholesalers in Liverpool Rd and a butchers shop and hamburger restaurant in Holloway Rd.

(12)31/10/83. ALF enter guards van of a train at Bournemouth station and rescue eight guinea pigs which were due to travel north to Leicester University for experimentation and painful death. Animal Supplier was M Grayston of Ashley Heath who has had animals rescued whilst travelling to labs. on several occasions .

(13)31/10/83. ALF damage three butchers shops in Stratford, East London. Anti-factory farming posters stuck to windows.

(14)1/11/83. ALF extensively damage five butchers shops in Newham, London.

(15)1/11/83. ALF rescue dog from a house in Lynchford Rd, Aldershot. The dog was being cruelly treated by 'owners' who have been subsequently warned not to obtain further animals.

(16)1/11/83. A chemical company in partnership with 'Analytical Supplies Ltd' which sells equipment to vivisection labs. damaged. Analytical supplies also had vehicle damaged, by ALF.(Derby).

(17)2/11/83. ALF damage Leroy fur shop and another fur shop in Dagenham, Essex.

(18)3/11/83. ALF attack and damage Sussex University which carries out cruel experiments on animals there.

(19)5/11/83. ALF members join demonstration against Hy-Line Rabbits Ltd which supplies rabbits to labs.(Marston,Cheshire). During invasion of premises, a rabbit was rescued and is now in good home.

(20)5/11/83. Lincs(Boston). ALF damage butchers shop. Sign awaiting his name to be painted on it had "Meat = Murder" painted on it.

(21)5/11/83. ALF raid chicken farm and rescue five hens - an indication of the cruelty is that the hens were not noticed as missing for three days. Farm owned by Cyril Whitling of Kirtling Place, Cambridge.

(22)6/11/83. ALF members join S.E.A.L.L. raid on Biggin Hill,Kent broiler farm. Fourteen bhickens rescued and now in good homes.

***The Animal Liberation Front..... Bringing Animal Abuse to a halt ***

Diary of ALF Actions.

(23)Three butchers shops in Bow, East London severely damaged by ALF. 7/11/83
(24)7/11/83. Cambridge. ALF members paint anti-cruelty slogans(in red paint) on Marrs fur shop.
(25)7/11/83. Shepreth, Cambridgeshire. ALF damage intensive pig unit.
(26)7/11/83. ALF raid Dunn Nutrition Lab(Cambridge) for second time in a month -rats rescued and extensive damage done to lab. equipment.
(27)11/11/83. ALF damage property belonging to Trinity Beagle Kennels (used for hare hunting). Barton, Cambs.
(28)11/11/83 . ALF destroy two display windows of an Upminster, Essex fur shop.
(29)18/11/83. ALF carry out early morning raid on Midland Counties Rabbit Co. in Badsey, Vale of Evesham, Worcs. 26 rabbits(half the breeding stock there) were rescued and now in good homes. ALF members found rabbits crammed three to four to a small cage. To no great surprise the farmer did a "Calne special" and said the rabbits left behind would die through shock because of the raid. (NB. At times like this, SG members can do the ALF a great service and write to the Press counteracting this nonsense - it is likely animal abusers once raided will increase the use of lies to discredit the ALF and justify what they do).
(30)24/11/83. ALF damage property belonging to the school head of biology, Ferndown Upper School, Bournemouth. This school practises cruel dissection.
(31)25/11/83. ALF rescue 20 frogs from Oxford railway station. They were supplied by Griffin & George of East Preston, W.Sussex for experiments at Oxford University.
(32)28/11/83. ALF damage Knott poultry farm, Romford. (ALF group had to escape quickly as farmer came out and started shooting at them).
(33)1/12/83. ALF damage Taj & Co. ritual slaughterhouse, Handsworth, Birmingham.
(34)4/12/83***** ALF begins in New Zealand. Damage done to Wellington fur shop. Anti-fur posters stuck to windows also.Press warned"This is just the beginning..."
(35)4/12/83. Organon Drug Co. raided - extensive damage done and following rescued- 3 beagles, 8 guinea-pigs, 2 rats and 1 rabbit. "ALF" daubed on property (Nr Glasgow)
(36)3/12/83. ALF raid Parr Lane Farm, Bryn, Wigan and rescue 50 young chicks - now in good homes. ALF group responsible warns "There is more to come....."
(37)4/12/83. ALF members burn empty shed at Eastmoor Poultry Farm, Eastmoor.
(38)9/12/83. ALF group do extensive damage to cars owned by lab.animal breeder Martin Grayston, Ashley Heath. House daubed "Animal Murderer".
(39)11/12/83. ALF damage 12 butchers shops in Highbury and Finsbury Park, London. Slogans painted on shops included "Christmas is a time for peace - not crucifixion".
(40)12/12/83. ALF damage five Newham,London butchers shops.

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Stop Press.

(1)Most SG members were sent a sponsorship form relating to a 'fast' at the 12/11/83 London Biorex demo. The 12 hour fast was successful. Would those who collected money for this, send it in without delay. Thanks.

(2)Important ! At this time of the year there is the usual increase in Animal Rights demonstrations. If you see anyone being arrested, please go to the police station and make a statement for the person arrested. Please encourage as many people as possible to go also - before reaching the station, you should sort out in your minds what you will say in the statement. Remember that you don't even have to be doing anything 'illegal' to be arrested and YOU could be in this situation very soon yourself. This is *VERY IMPORTANT* - please ensure the police station is besieged with people willing to make a statement for the person/people arrested - solidarity with other Animal Rights activists is SOLIDARITY WITH THE ANIMALS.The Animals need these people who are arrested - please do all that you can to help them.
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"...The Animal Liberation Front, now active in overseas countries to stop..abuse of animals often functions outside the law to make its point.....A report from London last year said the ALF was the most radical of Animal Rights groups and believed it had a moral duty to break the law to rescue animals from suffering... The Anti-Vivisection Society said that it had no links but its president said she supported their actions and believed there was no way of avoiding them setting up here as they had done in the U.K...."(Dominion/NZ Evening Post,New Zealand.5/12/83)

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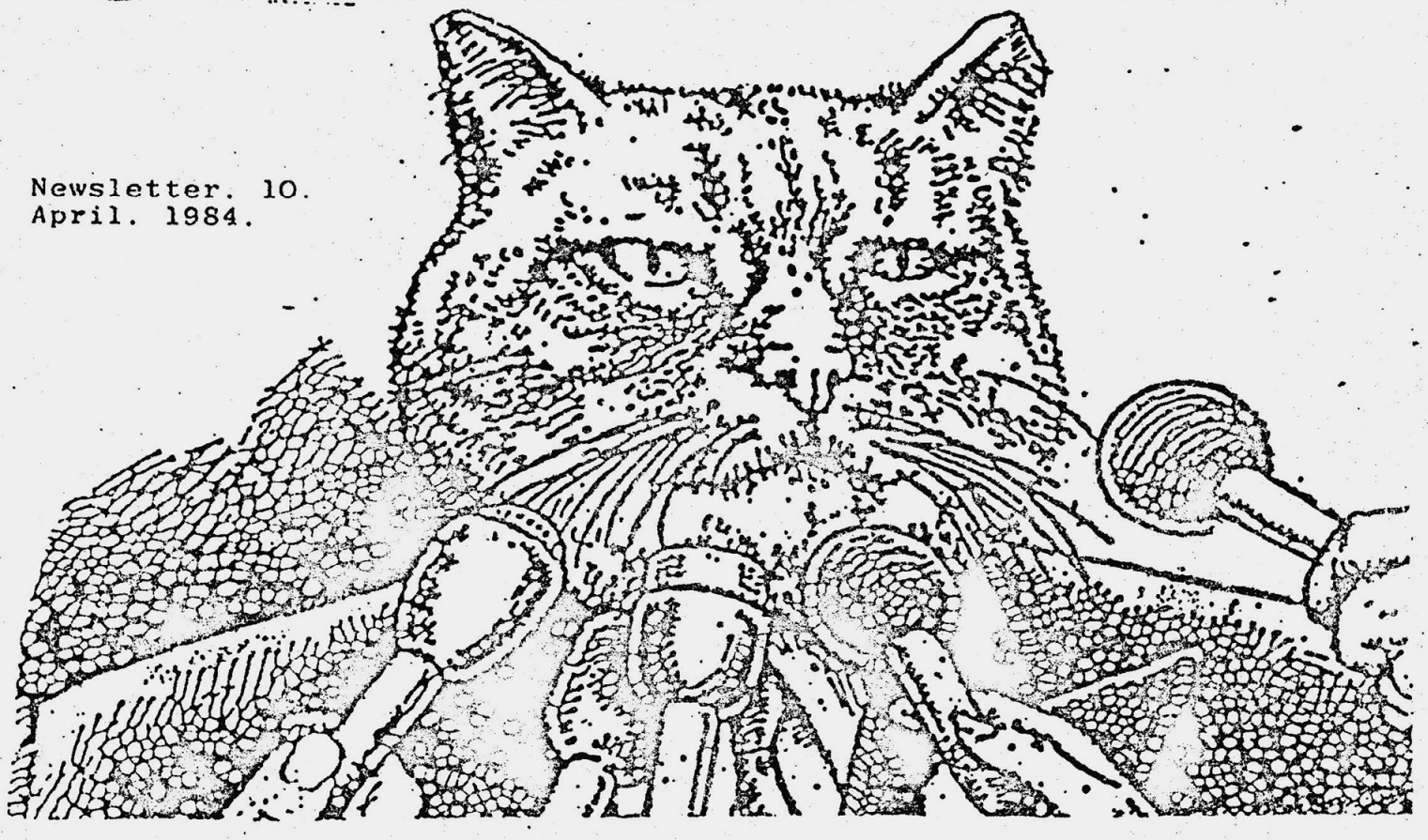


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ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT

HUMAN TYRANNY IS BEING OVERTHROWN!

Newsletter. 10.
April. 1984.



"Animal Liberation"? It means set us free and leave us alone.....

DIRECT SUPPORT FOR DIRECT ACTION

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT SUPPORTERS GROUP
Box 190, Peace News, 8 Elm Avenue, Nottingham

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ALF raid on Brocades Laboratories, Braintree, Essex. (2)

"...Continuing the ALF campaign against animal torture laboratories, our group decided to raid Brocades Laboratories on 6th August 1983.

Several journeys were made to and around the lab. area and it was during these checks, we ascertained the security position there. During this time also, we planned out the raid itself and our exit routes. Homes for the animals had been arranged shortly before and a week before the raid, we sorted out the vehicles we would need.

The whole group met at a safe place not too far from Braintree and we all made sure that we knew exactly how the raid was to be carried out and what our individual jobs were. After this, the tools needed for the raid were handed out. We spent a while very carefully wiping off all fingerprints and then put on our gloves. The raid was in fact very easy - there was no security and one could actually walk into the Brocades grounds without cutting through fencing or even climbing over anything ! The only 'danger' was the caretaker who lived next to the Brocades grounds. We decided that if he came out and saw us we would have to lock him in a room and ensure he could not telephone etc;. The caretaker was employed by Brocades and knew what they did with the animals inside there. The ALF policy states activists can use the minimum force necessary to defend themselves.

Our journey to Brocades went without incident and we got out of our vehicles a short distance away and met on a path running aside the perimeter of Brocades. Two look-outs were placed in the positions where the greatest view of the area was obtained. The 'A' team then made its way to the animal house while the 'B' team waited some 30 yards behind. We were obviously very pleased to find an open window there although of course we had brought crowbars etc; to force a window open. Once inside the door was opened. Inside there were many small animals - guinea pigs, hamsters, mice and rats. We had brought 'pet carrier' boxes with us and some 200 were either placed in these or simply picked up in the cages they were in . During this time we were using small but powerful torches. One member of the group was standing near the window having clear view of us inside and one of the look-outs so he could warn us if the look-out saw anyone coming along or behaving in a way that suggested they suspected something. As soon as we had got the number of animals we could take, the 'B' team came forward and took the animals and carried these to a vehicle nearby.

When all the animals had been carried away and put inside the vehicle, the vehicle drove off. We had planned extensive damage to the Brocades property but problems arose as it was located in a very built up area and the night was very quiet and still. We had planned to cut as many wires as possible with insulated wire cutters and remove as many of the Brocades files and papers as possible. A good idea was suggested that Brocades would suffer tremendous financial problems if it was flooded- flooding would cause as much damage as burning but with none of the problems associated with fire. After a very quick discussion among the group on whether damage should be done, it was decided that the chance of being seen(and caught) would be vastly incfeased and as we had plenty of other raids planned for the future, it wouldn't make sense. We therefore left the area and drove off.

The animals rescued are now well in their new homes without the fear of torture, experimentation and painful death they would have undergone at Brocades. The lab. itself is a veterinary establishment and according to the files in the animal house, the experiments were very cruel, very painful - and most certainly, very unnecessary and unreliable....."

"...Public support of vivisection is founded almost wholly on the assurances of the vivisectors that great public benefits may be expected from the practice. Not for a moment do I suggest that such a defence would be valid - even if proved...." (Bernard Shaw).

Dirty Tricks - 'Sign of the Times' ?

When attitudes and protective actions change, then it usually means something has manifested to cause this.

During 1983, particularly in the second half of that year, there was a significant number of events and situations which indicate the animal abusers(and those who support them) have not only gone on to the offensive but are now resorting to the only thing they now have left - lies, lies and more lies.

When Balbeggie Kennels was successfully raided by the ALF and ten beagles were rescued(7 of which were pregnant), the owner (Mr R Stocks) denied the raid ever took place ! In December 1983, a fire was started at Brockenhurst College resulting in animals being burnt to death - the letters A, L and F being neatly painted on the outside wall. In the last part of 1983, we also saw photos. in newspapers of (eg) a rabbit breeder, apparently in tears and holding a dead rabbit proclaiming "The ALF have killed all my rabbits". Again, in the last part of 1983, two national newspapers made reference to the ALF (i)sending letter bombs (ii)"seeking to maim and kill people". Fortunately in the case of (ii)the newspaper admitted its mistake in the next day edition and 'regretted' stating this (obvious) lie .

It is very difficult to believe this type of 'error' is accidental - particularly in the case of letter bombs. The ALF was the loudest voice in condemning the 1982/83 letter bombing. The policy of the ALF in relation to the non use of violence is quite clear. Even someone as retarded as an animal abuser could not misunderstand it. But the fact is that the ALF does hot have the time, money, resources nor facilities to answer these lies - it has not gone unnoticed that some Animal"Welfare" organisations as well as animal abusers make full use of this unfortunate situation. The Animal abusers and those who support them can pour forth every lie, deceit and falsehood possible and rest assured the ALF is limited in the way it can and will reply to these.

Regrettably many people believe these lies . Although a picture of a man nearly in tears,whom you know to be an animal abuser holding a dead rabbit from his intensive farm where rabbits are bred, imprisoned and sold for food and fur is quite ludicrous(especially when he says the ALF have caused death due to a raid) the fact remains that those people not associated with Animal Rights will believe it ! Admittedly it would only take a few seconds for the average person to realise the whole thing is a nonsense, but people rarely are prepared to give those few seconds. Of course this is when the SG member can really help the ALF - by writing/telephoning the newspaper(s) responsible to put the matter right. Lies and an attempt to discredit the ALF is now the ONLY weapon the animal abuser has and we can be sure he/she/they will use this to the full. What we are now seeing is just the 'lull before the storm' and all supporters of the ALF and direct action should prepare themselves for this. Recently the ALF was approached by a BBC TV programme producer who wanted to interview an ex-activist - it was only after some while and closely questioning the producer did it then become apparent that someone who was once an ALF activist but no longer agreed with the ALF (and was prepared to say so on TV) was required. Of course, no such person exists and the producer was told so. But this gives a good picture of what the ALF will have to endure in the coming years - every 'trick' imaginable (and unimaginable) to discredit it - simply because the animal abusers and the establishment knows it is the greatest enemy to the continuation of mass animal persecution and slaughter. There is even a small number of people in Animal Rights and even the ALF(SG) that seem to believe everything they hear or read. All that is needed to combat and overcome anti-ALF propaganda is common sense, calm and maturity with a 'professional' attitude and outlook towards the whole distasteful subject of animal abuse - with these, animal abuse will be eradicated and the Day of Animal Liberation <u>will</u> come.

"..The ALF are not a bunch of young hooligans who barge into other people's property and damage everything in sight just for the fun of it. Indeed, they are quite the opposite. Their ages range from 16-60.The main reason for their unity is the human compassion they all share, with emphasis put on revulsion and disgust at unnecessary cruelty..."(A.Shaw. Wigan Observer. 15/12/83).

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1983 - A good year for at least 60,000 Animals.

Without doubt, 1983 was a very successful year for the Animal Liberation Front, the Animal Rights Campaign and of course, most important of all - the Animals.

Continuing and most certainly increasing its policy of damaging property belonging/used by animal abusers, the total damage caused by members of the ALF in just 1983 alone was a staggering:- £2,300,000.
Quite simply this is £2,300,000 no longer available to breed, buy, imprison, torture and/or kill animals with, Certainly some of this may have been repaid by Insurance Companies but it is unlikely they would pay out any large amount without (i)Increasing the premiums paid by the animal abuser(s) for continuing insurance (ii) Reducing the 'cover' available leaving the animal abuse property even more vunerable (iii)Reducing the full amount paid and (iv) Insisting on better security - which naturally costs a lot of money. In fact, a great deal of money. In most cases (labs., factory farms,) the damage would retard their 'work' and activities, causing yet more financial loss. Simply, No money = No Animals to abuse. It's as simple as that.

The second part of this success story is that 5600 animals were rescued/liberated in 1983 by members of the Animal Liberation Front. It is indeed very difficult to assess the animals saved through the financial loss in damage - particularly as the animals saved ranged from frogs to hens to dogs and animals used for their fur - and their value to the animal abuser also varies widely. However it is safe to say that the animals saved directly or indirectly through damage far exceeded 60,000 in just 1983.

60000 animals in this country who will NOT be subjected to the suffering, pain degradation and deaths that existed unabated in this country until 1976 - the ALF's inception. The ALF(SG) therefore suggests those who support the Campaign to end Animal abuse and begin Animal Liberation compare this record with other forms of "campaigning".....

Since 1976, the number of actions has increased and until the Day of Animal Liberation - when animals are no longer abused for food products, experimental tools, 'sport', clothes or toys - the ALF will continue and increase its already successful Campaign which is now striking deep into the heart of all forms of animal abuse.

The ALF/ALF(SG) do receive correspondence regarding attitudes to the difference between animal rescue/liberation and damage and it should be pointed out that damage(Animal Liberation in the long term) will increase and overtake animal rescue(Animal Liberation in the short term) as quite simply, the number of homes available obviously become less in the course of time and the animal abusers are (obviously) able to breed animals at a far faster rate - and indeed, they are doing this. Some people may be sorry to hear this, but the FACT that MUST be borne in mind is that damage has a far greater effect on animal abuse than animal rescue/liberation. (The subject of damage has already been commented upon in a previous SG newsletter). If there are people who still cannot see this, the ALF can only say " Find us the homes and we'll rescue the animals". Simply, No Homes = No Animal Rescue.

Until 1976, the animals suffering had NO chance of escaping their horrendous fate; but now through the ALF, there IS the possibility. With more support, more resources, more Supporters and of course, more ALF activists, the hope the animals have,increases. One can only speculate on what 1984 will bring - but one can be sure the ALF will be increasing, radicalising and intensifying its Campaign and yet one more brick from the unstable wall of animal torment will be hammered out and the whole building of animal persecution will crumble just that little more until the whole nightmare tomb of Animal Suffering is buried for evermore.
"One of the greatest of our countrymen has said 'Vivisection is the hell of science - below this, there is no depth.' The vivisector is the arch-materialist, the dullest of them all. Without spiritual imagination, education and culture fail to civilise him. He is flagrantly among those who retard the only sort of human progress worth making....." (M M Fiske).

"Starving in the trenches" by Ronnie Lee, Press Officer, A.L.F.

"...As far as I am concerned, the ALF is fighting a war against the oppression of animals, a war to liberate animals from the torture of vivisection, the concentration camps of intensive farming, the sadism of bloodsports and all the cruelties which are carried out by the vicious human tyrant.

Fortunately, so far it has been a war without killing - the persecutors of animals have certainly had their 'work' interrupted and been made to think. None of them like to wake up in the morning to find their laboratories wrecked, their factory farms somewhat emptied of their imprisoned inhabitants or their nice new cars purchased from the profits of animal exploitation devastated by paint stripper etc;.

I feel it should be made clear that the ALF does not use violence towards animal abusers for tactical reasons, not because we love the scum who brutally exploit animals nor because we believe the emotive unbalanced statement that violence against them would "make us as bad as they are". When I hear people saying this I simply presume they have no idea of what animal abusers really do to animals. It is a war without killing - but a war nonetheless. To advocate anything less than a war when faced with the brutal tyranny of the human race against all other creatures is a form of treachery against the animals. A denial of that which is essential to win their long overdue and much needed freedom.

And so we are at war. And day by day and night by night, the ALF rescues more animals from suffering and inflict heavier and heavier material losses on the persecutors of our fellow creatures. But, there are not nearly enough animals saved nor losses inflicted. To win victory on behalf of the animals, we need many more activists, much more commitment, a great deal more initiative and the ALF also needs the financial resources in order to properly train, equip and mobilise activists. Sadly as far as money is concerned, the ALF is indeed 'Starving in the trenches'. By and large, ALF activists are not wealthy people. In fact, most of them are financially very poor - people who are more concerned about spending their lives saving animals than in making a 'fast buck'. Most ALF members are young people and therefore on low salaries or through no fault of their own, unemployed, All ALF groups attempt, as far as it is possible, to finance their activities from their own pockets - but very few of their pockets are very deep and so there is a severe limitation on activity unless outside funds can be provided. The ALF(SG) has helped to free extra funds for action by providing money for legal costs which the ALF once had to pay. However, there are still far too little financial resources available for ALF action.

All forms of campaigning have their value in the struggle for animal liberation but it is important to put the value of these sorts of activity in true perspective in relation to direct action. It is painfully obvious that unless there is a massive increase in direct action, the day of total animal liberation will never come. Other forms of campaigning, important that they are, must be seen as a back-up to direct action, which must surely be the major thrust of the animal liberation movement if we are ever to succeed. Unfortunately the resources of the Animal Rights Movement are not allocated at all correctly or logically. Organisations which carry out non-direct methods(leafletting, petitioning, organising demos., writing to M.P.'s) often have hundreds of thousands of pounds to their name whereas the ALF exists on a 'shoestring'. To prove my point, most organisations publish yearly accounts and fully appreciating these can be sometimes difficult to follow, I would strongly suggest people do examine them to ascertain (1)Capital held (ii)Expenditure. If you have discarded the accounts of organisations you belong to, there should be no difficulty in obtaining a duplicate and you will see the frustration and concern of the ALF is very much justified.

(What the ALF is fighting:-) "Experiments were carried out on dogs - some had their paws put in boiling water and some dogs had their spines severed. One big German Shepherd died after 6 hours after he had been immersed into boiling water three times...."(Handbuch der allgemeinen Pathologie).

The Animal Liberation Front - Fighting in the front line for the Animals NOW

"Starving in the trenches" (Continued). (6)

As stated in a previous SG newsletter, we obtain a true picture of the situation when we relate to the animals - and their suffering - if you were an animal in a lab., factory farm or being hunted, where would you want the most support to go ? The answer is obvious..... This is a disgraceful topsy-turvy situation. It is utterly wrong that the major area of animal liberation should be starved of resources. It is disgraceful that ALF activists have to exist on the breadline in order to carry out important actions against the animal abuse industry while people who make loud noises but do nothing more and if they do anything, it is non-militant, take home very large wage packets.

So what can be done to put matters right ? What can be done to put more of the resources of the Animal Rights movement into the front line where they are so desperately needed to save animals now and in order to win the eventual victory ? I fully appreciate that it would be difficult for the large, established societies to give money direct to the ALF as this could well cause problems with the Law. However, there is no reason whatsoever why they should not give money to the ALF(Supporters Group) which is a perfectly legal organisation, Of course it is probably too much to expect that these organisations would want to put some of their jealously guarded wealth into the support of direct action - so it is up to the ordinary members of these societies to bring about the required and much-needed reallocation of resources.

So:- (1)If you are in the habit of donating money to any of the comparatively wealthy societies, please consider giving it to the ALF or the ALF(SG) instead. - Simply to redress the balance and because the ALF's need is by far the greater.

(2)It is quite legal to leave money or property in your Will to the ALF or ALF(SG). Please consider doing this.If you have already made a will, please consider changing your will to behefit the ALF or ALF(SG). The solicitor making the Will out on your behalf will be able to advise re the correct wording etc;.

Animal Rights workers/supporters must remember their money is the ONLY money the animals have, they should therefore give very serious thought to where it is going and what it will achieve. Again it is a situation of 'relating to the animals' - where would you want it to go, what would you want done with it if an animal awaiting experimentation in a lab., an animal awaiting slaughter for consumption of your own body, an animal being hunted across the 'Country' by sick sadists with nowhere to go and no one to turn to for help ?

Animals are suffering NOW because the ALF do not have enough resources or money to save them. Without massive resources being poured into direct action the obscenity of animal exploitation, persecution, suffering, degradation and death will NEVER be abolished.

It is time to give proper support to this war effort - time to stop the 'starving in the trenches'.

ALF(SG) note:-

If after reading this, you wish to help, you can increase your standing order by giving written instructions to your bank. If you would notify the ALF(SG) at the same time, it would be appreciated.

With regard to the article above, it does seem strange that some animal rights organisations pay lip service to the ALF, praise it for what it is doing and even give substancial coverage to ALF actions in its publications - but give no financial support whatsoever - although the futile 'political campaign' never seems to be short of support - peculiar ?.

"... December 10th - The monkey was found clinging to the bars of its cage uttering repeated and particularly piercing shrieks quite unlike the normal cry of the monkey(After being infected with rabies). Dec.15th.-The monkey has a staring gaze and seemed unaware of its food,the cage,its mate or observer.It squealed continually. On interference(SG:- This is a fancy scientific term for provocation), it did not attempt to bite. After a while, in which the animal was actively aggressive and in one case killed its mate, violent spasms occurred,sufficient to throw it across the cage. Three animals bit themselves severely, 2 chewing off their finger, one ate the whole skin on the forearm and exposed muscles from elbow to wrist.All died."(Lancet)

ALF Supporters - 1. (7)

(1) ALF posters(the size of this page) are available now. It includes a large picture - as shown on the Supporter Group badge - with the wording "Support the Animal Liberation Front" below. These are £1 for 25 - please ensure a stamped addressed envelope(20p stamp) is enclosed - the envelope should be the size of this page.Thanks.

(2)If you are a new SG member, you can obtain back-copies of the SG newsletters 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 and9. These cost 30p each to reproduce, so please send at least 30p to cover this.

(3)The ALF Supporters Group postcard is also available now. The postcard shows four highly successful ALF raids in 1982. The cards are 10p each or 10 for 75p. Please enclose a sae if ordering - Thanks.

(4)The present ALF(SG) 'photo.collection' is a set of three photographs taken at the ALF raid pn the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine at St. Albans, Herts. This took place in July 1982 and six cats were rescued and escaped the lunatic experiments carried out there. The photos. are about 8" x 10" and are as follows:-
(i)Masked ALF activists holding a rescued cat
(ii)Masked ALF activist nursing a rescued cat
(iii)'Group' photo. of all the ALF activists involved, holding the rescued cats.

The collection is £7.75 or any one photo. for £3. Please allow up to six weeks for delivery.

(5)Please try and help the ALF by doing one(or more) of the following:-
(i)Get a new member to join the SG by standing order(forms supplied on request)
(ii)Have a letter printed in a newspaper etc; supporting the ALF
(iii)Hold a fund raising event and raise at least £24 for the ALF.
Please try and do one of these - please send in the standing order form or newspaper cutting or the fund raising cheque with your name and membership number - a "ALF Supporter - Active Supporter" will then be sent to you.

(6)Please ALWAYS state your membership number - there are still many who do not do this and cause the SG a great deal of work because of this. Please quote it EVERY TIME you write in. The number is shown in the right hand corner of the name & address label on the envelope containing your newsletter - it is then a simple matter of recording it on your membership card and keeping this in a safe place. If you pay manually and the word 'DUE' appears on the envelope flap, it means subscriptions are outstanding - the date the last payment was received will also be stated. If this occurs, please forward what is owing immediately. If not received within the following 30 days, membership will be terminated. When sending in any money, please attach a note saying what it is for and if changing from standing order to manual (or manual to standing order) please let the SG know - your membership number will change and will be shown on the next newsletter label. If changing your address, please let the SG know in plenty of time. If you send in a sae whenever a reply (order, enquiry, receipt, etc;) is required, it saves the SG a great deal of time and trouble - please do try and send one when necessary. Thank you.

(7)The SG gratefully acknowledges the stamps sent in by SG members - these are sent on to a very hard working RSPCA group and are able to continue their excellent work by selling these. Please send in any foreign stamps you have, to help this group and the animals it is helping in a very positive way. Many thanks also to those SG members who send in newspaper cuttings that detail ALF actions - these are very useful and very much appreciated and we ask all SG members to send in cuttings that they see,mentioning the ALF.

"....If the Supporter Group can help pay a group's fines, then that group has got more money to carry out actions. So, indirectly, the Supporters Group does help with the action....."(Ronnie Lee in New Musical Express. 17/12/83).

(8)If you are able to give a home to an animal, please let the ALF(Homing) know. Please give your name, address and telephone number and say what animal(s) you can home, the number and whether this is permanent or temporary. As stated previously in SG newsletters, if you offered to home an animal some time ago and are wondering why you have not been contacted although the SG is asking for more homes, this is simply because the operation of homing is totally dependent upon the circumstances and area at the time of needing to home (an) animal(s). This is perhaps the time to point out that the ALF may have to increase its damage-actions and reduce the number of animal liberations - simply because of the homing position. It is all very well for people to say they 'prefer' animal liberation to damage, but the simple fact is that the ALF needs homes to take the animals to and if they don't exist, there is little point in liberating animals ! There is also the factor that animal abusers breed animals far far faster than they can be homed.

(9)Some SG members have asked whether more detail about individual ALF actions could be made available. In fact the ALF produce a factual newsletter every month giving details of each action which it sends to newspapers and periodicals all over the world. These 'Action Reports' can be obtained from the ALF by writing(please head your letter 'Action Reports') and enclosing £10. They will then be sent to you every month for one year. The SG is confident that 'subscribers' will find them of great interest and certainly encouraging.....

(10)T-Shirts for sale from the ALF(SG).

The offer of ALF T-shirts was mentioned in a 1983 SG newsletter - SG members should note the ALF(SG) has taken over responsibility for this offer. The shirts have a picture as shown on the Supporter Group Badge with the words "Support the Animal Liberation Front" underneath. The shirts are available in small, medium and large and cost £3.50 each. The postage/packing costs are:-
1 shirt - 50p. 2 to 4 shirts - £1. 5 or more shirts - Postage etc; free.

If you wish to order, it is VERY IMPORTANT that the following instructions are followed. If they are not, this will lead to delay or the shirt(s) not being sent at all.
(1)Send a cheque or postal order(Not Cash) to the ALF(SG) made payable to the ALF(SG).
(2)Enclose an envelope(any size) addressed to yourself - this should be written very clearly as it will be used as the address label.
(3)State the size of shirts being ordered and the number. (ie one-medium or two-large, one-small).

Please allow up to six weeks for delivery. Thanks.

(11)The SG was wondering whether SG members would find it interesting and beneficial to have a meeting sometime later in 1984. This is purely tentative as the possibility of holding such a meeting depends on several different factors. All the SG can say is that it would most likely be held in London on a Saturday and would endeavour to make it as useful/interesting as possible - ie Talks on Animal Liberation by various people including Ronnie Lee(Press Officer, ALF) and a time for questions/answers, etc;. SG members meeting other members would also be useful and obviously it would be a totally unique occasion. One of the very first things the SG needs to ascertain is the likely interest in such a thing. Fully appreciating, the details are vague at the moment, (it would most likely be held about October) the SG would ask those interested to complete the slip below and send it to the ALF(SG). Unless you are very sure you would attend, please do not complete it. Please only complete it if you have every intention for attending unless for a really exceptional situation arising. This is important as the SG will accept the slips returned as the approximate number of people likely to attend.(Likely cost £2 SG members.£3 non-SG members).

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Yes, I would be interested in attending a SG meeting. I am also likely to bring _____(state number) of non-SG members with me who I will vouch for. I enclose a stamped addressed envelope. Name:- _____ No._____

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(12)Costing you time and money, costing the Animals their LIVES.

It is very likely that at the time this newsletter is issued, 'political'/Government demonstrations will be arranged. In 1983 the SG received many letters from members say ing how disappointing the 'World Day for Laboratory Animals' demonstration was. ie despite a long hard hot walk, the publicity was minimal, despite all the hard endeavours, the animals in Bibra and the MRC buildings were no better off at the end of the demo. etc; etc;. Demonstrations now seem to attract lunatic fringe elements that come along to simply attack the police with no interest whatsoever in Animal abuse/Rights. When the police are violent or attack without justification, it is felt demonstrators have the right to defend themselves but past demonstrations and the anti-police element that join them have done great harm to the Campaign, and the police have been attacked without any justifiable reason. It now appears the Campaign is being put into 'reverse' by calling for demonstrations against the Government. Unbelievable as it sounds, there are people that believe that simply by demonstrating, some 320 M.P.'s (at least) will suddenly accept the arguments of Animal Rights campaigners and force through legislation that will correct the situation. Over 100 years of this type of campaigning has shown this type of campaigning is not only fruitless but actually causes more animal suffering through the creation of a secondary form of campaigning. The proof of this is the countless millions of dead animals that have suffered and died while political campaigners make a lot of noise, write a lot of letters but do little else. The February SG newsletter(no.9) covered this subject in full.
Please consider the situation and where your time, effort and money could be better spent. One demonstration involving 5000 people does little if held against politicians but the £20,000 - £30,000 in fares etc; spent by those 5000 could save so many animals if given to the ALF. The final proof is (a)How many animals has political campaigning saved ?(A.'nil') (b)Looking at its past record, what is the likelihood of it succeeding within another 100 years (A.'nil'). (c)Looking at the 'diary of ALF actions' in SG newsletters, what would money spent attending these 'events' do if given to the ALF (A.'A great deal !') . Please show your protest at these futile gatherings by staying at home and (a)sending your fare money to the ALF (b)hold fund raising events for the ALF.
The Animals in the laboratories, the farms, and in so many places need YOUR help- please consider where that help really counts for those animals !

(13)A SG member has very kindly sent in sets of very old postcards totalling 52 in number. These are dated about 1920 and mainly show scenes of France during and after World War I. The SG is selling these and money raised will be donated entirely for veterinary fees for treating animals. The highest offer will obtain them and the 'starting price' is £10. Closing date May 31st 1984. If you bid for them and have heard nothing by mid June, please presume a higher offer than yours has been received. Thanks.

"If a poultry farmer's phone goes dead, it could be the first sign that his unit is about to be raided by a group of animal welfare militants. A 'phone where the wires have been cut was the farmer's earliest warning of an impending raid, but there would have been others during the preceeding month if he had kept a sharp lookout, Inspector John Deal Head of crime protection at Chelmsford said. 'They operate at night,but not overnight.They will have been watching your farm for at least a month. Anonymity within the group meant that if police caught one of them,he would not be able to name others in the raiding party!'
He said "I am not sure you are aware just how much of a problem you have. The situation won't go away - It will get worse....."
Poultry World. 1/12/83.

"If it wasn't for the Animal Liberation Front, the public would never know what goes on in laboratories and factory farms."(Ash News & Mail. 10/1/84.Mrs D Adams).
"Mr Gill(owner of Cocksparrow fox farm)said'They must have worked on it for days, they had everything worked out.It was a professional job. He said the damage (was) estimated at £12,000 including the loss of (20) foxes. Local Animal Rights groups denied taking part but said they were pleased with the raid and wished the people who carried out the raid'Good luck'....."(Coventry Evening Telegraph. 5/1/84).

Diary of ALF Actions. (10)

(1)12/12/83. Damage done to new 'McDonalds' hamburger restaurant due to open the next day. Nuneaton,Warks. Doors damaged and 'Meat is Murder' put on doors.

(2)10/12/83. ALF do £1000 worth of damage to Worthing Wholsale Butchers, Sussex.

(3)18/12/83. Fourteen shops connected with animal abuse(meat bars, fish bars,etc;) in North West London damaged and daubed by ALF activists.

(4)16/12/83, ALF raid turkey farm in Woodham Ferrers, Essex and do extensive damage by pouring grinding paste into the engine of lorries there.

(5)19/12/83. ALF attack 15 butchers' shops in Islington and Hackney, London in protest against Christmas meat trade.

(6)14/12/83. ALF complete successful raid against Clare Hall Lab., South Mimms, Herts. Press estimate of damage = £100,000.

(7)17/12/83. ALF cause damage to Owls Castle Farm, Lamberhurst, Kent which breeds and keeps calves in cramped spaces and then exports them for slaughter.

(8)21/12/83. ALF damage car belonging to vivisector W R Allen of Cambridge.

(9)23/12/83. International ALF do extensive damage to six fur shops in Dade County, Miami, USA.

(10)23/12/83. International ALF raid John Hopkins Univiversity and rescue six rats due for experimentation there. Rats now in good homes. Baltimore, Maryland,USA.

(11)23/12/83. Locks of Gerbels fur shop, Dartford, Kent glued up by ALF.Prevented from opening. This shop has been attacked several times before.

(12)24/12/83. ALF smash window of René fur shop in West End,London and two butchers shops in Crouch End, North London.

(13)25/12/83. ALF rescue 25 hens from battery cages at Hillside Egg Farm, Royston, Herts. Hens now in good homes and free range conditions.

(14)23/12/83. ALF spray paint Unigate Dairy Depot, Wood Green,London with "Cows milk for calves" .

(15)24/12/83. Six butchers shops damaged by ALF in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.

(16)25/12/83. International ALF raid UCLA Medical Centre, Tottance, Los Angeles, USA and rescue 12 dogs who are now in good homes. This centre practises cruel experiments on dogs including the implanting of infusion pumps to test heart drugs.

(17)25+26/12/83. ALF damage 4 butchers shops(Enfield,Middx) 1 butchers shop(Tottenham, London) 2 butchers and one fur shop(Highgate Village,London) meat freezer shop (Aylesbury, Bucks), two butchers amd one leather shop(Coventry).

(18)25/12/83. ALF raid Cold Store in Skimpot Lane, Luton and set fire to three Buxted poultry lorries there causing £50,000 worth of damage.

(19)25/12/83. ALF daub Biorex labs, North London and smash window of taxidermist shop in Essex Rd, North London in protest against use of wild animals as trophies.

(20)25/12/83. ALF break into slaughterhouse at Low Fulney, Spalding,Lincs and do £5000 worth of damage there.

(21)29/12/83. ALF damage KWH wholesale furriers in Old Street, London, EC1.

(22)29/12/83. ALF damage 2 butchers shops(Islington,London) 2 fur shops(Worcester) 3 butchers shops(Bath,Avon) 2 butchers shops(Ashtead,Surrey).
(23)ALF damage car belonging to member of Wildfowlers Ass.of Great Britain & Ireland Wood Green, London. 30/12/83.

(24)2/1/84. ALF rescue three rabbits from Hy-Line Rabbits Ltd,Lyme, Cheshire which breeds rabbits for vivisection.

(25)1st week January 1984. ALF damage 2 butchers shops(Bexley,Kent) gunshop("Only morons shoot animals" daubed on it)(Highgate,London), 3 butchers shops(Orpington,Kent)

(26)1st week.Jan.84. ALF destroy more than 20 snares and traps set in a wood to catch rabbits and other wild animals, Stevenage, Herts.

Diary of ALF Actions.

(27)6/1/84. ALF activists raid Cocksparrow Farm, Lea Marston, Warwicks. 30 artic foxes worth £6000 rescued(now in good homes) and £3000 damage done.
(28)1st week.Jan.84. A van used for 'pest' control(killing rats,mice etc; by painful methods) severely damaged in Bury Green, Herts by ALF.
(29)7/1/84. Two butchers shops in Bexley Village, Kent damaged by ALF.
(30)2nd week.Jan.84. ALF raid Bould Farm,Bould,Oxford. Thirty artic blue foxes taken.
(31)8/1/84. ALF raid Midmore Poultry Farm,Neston,Cheshire. Two lorries set on fire-estimated damage £40,000.
(32)9/1/84. ALF activists damage 5 butchers shops in Macclesfield.'Meat means murder' daubed on walls. In Liverpool, a concrete bollard thrown through butchers' window
(33)9/1/84. ALF activists rescue three alsations used as breeding bitches from bad conditions in shed of breeders' garden. Nr Liskeard, Cornwall.
(34)9/1/84. ALF activists attack and damage seven shops in Bournemouth,Dorset connected with animal abuse(Boots, fishing tackle shop, etc;)
(35)9/1/84. ALF smash three windows of Biorex labs. Islington,London which experiments on animals.
(36)10/1/84. ALF severely damage three fur shops in Ayr, Scotland
(37)10/1/84.ALF activists damage car belonging to ex vivisector John Parke who is now laboratory security officer of Wellcome labs, Sanderstead, Surrey.
(38)14/1/84. ALF smash windows of five butchers' shops in Liverpool.
(39)15/1/84.International ALF do £600 damage to Elizabeth Fur Shop, Markham,Canada.
(40)17/1/84. ALF do extensive damage to Nazebourne Poultry Farm, Broxbourne,Herts by smashing machinery. Tools owned by the farm were taken to be used on future raids.
(41)20/1/84. ALF damage Welsh Vally Eggs,Gelligaer,S.Wales which is an intensive farm.
(42)21/1/84. ALF activists set fire to two lorries,destroying them,owned by Epping Meats in Bow,London. This firm carries out ritual slaughter.Estimated damage=£50,000.
(43)23/1/84.ALF rescue three hens from Highfield Egg farm,Liverpool.Now in good homes.
(44)23/1/84.ALF cause thousands of pounds worth of damage to furshop,Ipswich,Suffolk.
(45)23/1/84. ALF activists rescue two chinchillas from Wood Green,London petshop kept in tiny cages.
(46)24/1/84.ALF activists damage house of junior Home Office Minister David Mellor who is responsible for White paper making situation worse for laboratory animals.London.
(47)27/1/84.ALF damage Rosemead Kennels,Waltham Abbey,Essex which breeds rabbits for food and cruel laboratory experiments.
(48)29/1/84.ALF smash window of Whitehead & Son fur shop in Montpelier Parade,Harrogate.
(49)28/1/84. Animal Rights Activists remove 2 cages meant for foxes from Cocksparrow Farm
(50)26/1/84. ALF activists cause £5000 damage to 5 battery sheds at Shangri-La Poultry Farm, Todds Green, Stevenage Herts. Cages and conveyor belt wrecked.
(51)30/1/84. ALF rescue 16 hens from Dunwear Poultry Farm,Bridgwater,Somerset.
(52)1/2*84.ALF activists set fire to offices of Gilbertson & Page in Colney Heath, Herts who manufacture snares & traps for wild animals.Offices destroyed/vehicle damaged.
(53)1/2/84.ALF raid Golden Lay battery farm and rescue 10 hens(now in good homes) also damage equipment there.Piddington,Northants.
(54)1/2/84.ALF damage 7 fur shops,4 butchers shops,2 'petshops' known for cruelty and a sportshop selling hunting equipment.Canadian Consulate also damaged in protest against Canada's decision to kill 400 wolves to increase hunting game. Glasgow,Scotland.
(55)2/2/84.ALF damage property belonging to Gloucester cattle market, Gloucestershire.
(56)4/2/84.ALF do extensive damage to Analytical Suuplies in Derby which sells equipment to labs. Extensive damage done. Also George Rose furriers in Derby damaged.
(57)7/2/84.ALF carry out successful raid at Bromley College of Tech, Bromley,Kent and rescue 52 rats(now in good homes)The rats were 'owned' by Wellcome labs. The rats were due to be experimented upon. In Stockwell,London,ALF smash window of Manson Butchers
(58)7/2/84.ALF smash doors & windows of Julia fur shop, Highgate Village,London.
(59)8/2/84. ALF wreck car belonging to 'terrier man' of Essex Hunt. Romford,Essex.
(60)13/2/84.ALF damage three shops connected with animal abuse in West Norwood,London.

Stop Press.
Would any American SG member or ALF Supporter who can home animals rescued in the USA please notify the ALF in England immediately. The ALF will then forward the details to American activists. Please advise name,address,telephone number and animals you can home.

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THE BEGINNING OF ANIMAL LIBERATION

AND THE END OF ANIMAL ABUSE



NEWSLETTER 11. JUNE 1984.
COVER PAGE SHOWS VEHICLE BELONGING TO DOO LITTLE MILL FARM AFTER A VISIT BY THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT, ON 2/8/83 - SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS

Butchers shop windows - to break or not to break ? (2)

It seems that some supporters of the ALF have reservations about the damaging of butchers shops.

It seems strange that those who condemn this important type of direct action nevertheless support the damaging of fur shops - where is the difference ? It is difficult to give a full detailed statement on this particular subject as those who condemn it rarely give any reasons why they condemn it.

Some idealists may hope that the whole of humanity may be"converted"to a vegetarian diet, but unfortunately this is an impossible dream. To suggest that one day there will be enough Animal Rights workers with enough time, enough training and enough resources to visit everyone to put forward the vegetarian argument and those listening will suddenly see'the light' is a nonsense. Those who have tried the hard path to changing people's attitude and dietary habits will know this is so true. The response is usually"I'll think about it", "You've got a good case, but I can't agree with you", etc; etc; etc;. Those sympathetic are too burdened with domestic, social and/or financial(etc) problems to give the subject that much serious thought. Even if everyone could be reached with the vegetarian message, there is no need for them to think about it - or even listen to it in the first place. And whilst this farce goes on, 3000 animals are slaughtered every minute of every working day.....

Many people will simply see the butchers shop in the street as society's acceptance of eating dead animals - ie "If its there, its got to be right hasn't it ?". And yet when that same person is confronted with a butchers shop - windows smashed, doors glued up with "meat is murder" dripping in red paint from the walls, it is the stimulus that is needed to make them think and think hard . In a society where a great deal is done for the citizen and very little initiative and thinking is needed to survive from day to day, something to 'spark off' a rethink is so very badly needed. And without doubt, damaging the shops does do this.

Financial loss to butchers means a higher price for 'meat' - the more expensive it becomes, the more people will think about a cheaper alternative. The less meat eaten, the less animals will be bred, imprisoned in degrading humiliating filthy hell-holes to be finally slaughtered by cruel and painful methods. As the argument is so unbelievably simple, it is difficult to comprehend why there are some against it.

Butchers are the last point in the terrible cycle of animal suffering - these are the places that sell the deformed bloodied carcases of sentient animals. Displaying them in their windows as a delicious prize, with all the tell-tale signs that these lumps of flesh were once feeling animals, conveniently, carefully and cleverly removed.....

If it is necessary to smash and destroy every butchers shop in the land to stop this foul trade, then the ALF will do it. If this is what it takes to make the population stop to think about whether flesh-eating (and all that it involves) is right, then it shall be done. The butchers shop with its chatty butcher and blood-stained apron, is the high temple of animal suffering and death. It is the ultimate of society's acceptance of animal abuse; it is therefore one of the highest targets on the ALF list. Whether the 'meat' trade is 'hit' at the breeding farm, the factory farm, the slaughterhouse or the butcher, it will be hit and hit again at all these points, so the trade is made bankrupt. Anyone in doubt about what the butchery business entails can visit the farm and for example, see the sow in the pig unit imprisoned 41 weeks a year in cramped stalls where she lies on concrete and invariably suffers soreness, lameness, spinal troubles and neurosis. In the intensive farm, the mother has her piglets taken away from her at 2-3 weeks so she can again be 'got back into service', NB. Every year 18 million pigs are slaughtered. In the battery egg farm, you can see the hens in tiny cramped cages day in and day out with no room to move and in the subdued lighting, make out the sad distressed confused debeaked faces.

THIS IS THE OBSCENITY THAT THE ALF IS SUCCESSFULLY FIGHTING AND DAMAGING - The "animals for food" trade will be smashed, destroyed and finally buried and anyone who truly cares for the animals who suffer so much, will support this campaign.

 ALF raid on Laundry Farm. August 12th 1983

Although Laundry Farm had been successfully raided by the Animal Liberation Front earlier in 1983, we decided shortly afterwards that an "inspection" was needed shortly after the raid which obtained excellent publicity in view of the seven dogs being rescued.

Two of our group travelled to Laundry farm on several occasions and every time a check was made, the place was empty and quite deserted. Enquiries were made and we ascertained no experiments were being done there.

However, in July 1983 we heard that the place was operating again and that dogs were going to be used in transplant 'operations'. In view of this, members of our group went there on several occasions and it was decided another raid was necessary to rescue the dogs being held there to be experimented upon.

On the night of August 12th our group met up at a prearranged place and we again went over the plans for the raid. We then made our way to the site and parked our vehicles in some fields half a mile away. We then had to walk across country, following the hedgerows. After walking for about 10-15 minutes we reached the exterior part of the Animal House and climbed over the fence into the area.

Two members of the group climbed up the drainpipes onto the roof of the Animal House so they could break open the skylight and gain access. We soon became worried when we realised that we wouldn't be able to open the skylight but we had worked out alternative methods and decided to crowbar open the back door. There was a long struggle as we tried to open the door by forcing it open but after a short while, the door finally came open. To our total horror we then saw there was another - very large - barred steel door behind the door just opened.

We decided there was just no way we could open this and so our group decided on the third alternative - the only chance the animals inside now had - and that was to get in through the front door. We thought this would be the most difficult but in fact entry was gained in less than two minutes ! As soon as the front door was forced open, the group went into the building and the two members who had the leads started putting the leads on to the dogs. As every two dogs were leashed, they were taken outside and handed to a member of the group who led them away to safety. When we were inside we saw documents and papers and took these with us also. Two of the dogs we found inside were dead but we decided to take these with us. One dog that was left behind in the previous raid because it was too ill to be moved,seemed able to move so this time we could rescue this poor creature. The documents told us that some of the dogs had been operated on only the day before and some of them had been imprisoned there for two years.

The dogs were lying on bare concrete with no bedding and only had pellets to eat. Many of them had huge wounds and were badly stitched and had just been dumped there to suffer in agony alone. Some of the dogs went quietly to our vehicles whilst others raced along literally pulling us along behind them.

The dogs were then taken away to be seen by a vet and some of the group departing in another vehicle drove off into the night with the two dead dogs and buried them. As a leaflet about the raid says "These two dogs received more respect and dignity in death with members of the ALF than they received throughout their lives whilst with Calne and Laundry Farm....". The two dogs lying in their sad unmarked graves are a testimony to the lunatic behaviour of people like Calne. It was distressing to bear in mind that the last days of these two dogs were filled with pain, butchery, humiliation & excruciating death with no knowledge there were people beyond those antiseptic walls that <u>did</u> care about them. The vet who examined the rescued dogs said most of them were massively overdosed and "looked as if a butcher had been at them...". As reported(and proved) by the Sunday Mirror' of 25/9/83, the rescued dogs recovered from their infected wounds, distress etc; and are now happy and well in good caring homes. It was partly through the people who send money to the ALF that we were able to carry out this raid and get the dogs the veterinary treatment they so badly needed, also the people who offered to home ALF liberated animals. "Prof. Calne was declining to return Press calls yesterday and refusing to permit any member of his Department to speak....."(Scotsman. 17th August 1983).

An interview with Ronnie Lee(Press Officer, ALF)

(The first part of this interview was in the February 1984 newsletter-page 5)

Question. Do the animals get homes quickly after rescue - or is it difficult ?
Ronnie Lee. Normally activists don't rescue animals unless homes have already been arranged for them. A lot depends on what the animal is. Battery hens are found homes quite easily but in the case of pigs and monkeys, it's not so easy,so less of those animals are rescued. The animal rescue side is only half of the story - there's also damage to property. We can rescue a few animals, but what about the others and the ones in the future ? If you go and damage a laboratory, they have to pay to put all the damage right and install extra security(most insurance companies insist on this before they agree to renew a policy). The money usually comes out of the budget meant for further 'research' and would be spent on animal experimentation. So the number saved because of the damage is greater than the number that could be physically rescued and homed. A lot of people critisise the fact that damage is done, saying that property is virtually sacred - I think it is important to point out that damage to animal abuse property DOES save animals.

Q. Is there much discussion within the ALF about damage to property ?
RL. At one time there was a bit of a debate, but it has subsided. There are of course people who prefer to rescue animals rather than damage property.

Q.How are you viewed by the more traditional animal rights organisations ?
RL. It varies. The more radical ones are sympathetic and although they don't do anything illegal, they print reports of our activities in their periodicals and speak out in support of what we do. Other organisations are fairly neutral and a few are against us, though there has been a shift of support for us. Societies that were condemning the ALF four-five years ago, don't condemn it anymore. They may not go out of their way to praise the ALF, but they've stopped condemning us. I think they've seen that direct action does have a very positive effect, so they really haven't got any grounds to condemn us. There is certainly a place for the traditional animal rights organisations and the things they do. I feel it is very important to leaflet and educate the public and I'm sure most, if not all ALF activists would hold this view also.
In the old days, the traditional societies played into the hands of the establishment and the animal exploiters by channel..ing people's energy into methods of campaigning that weren't effective. Somebody would get very angry about the cruelty of vivisection and write to an Anti Vivisection society. The society would reply saying vivisection could be ended by writing to politicians and getting petitions done. This simply was not successful so people's energy and time was wasted. I think that if direct action had started fifty years ago the situation for animals would be far better because the really bad technological exploitation of animals has grown up over the last half century - ie vivisection and intensive farming. Because the methods of opposition weren't effective enough, animal abuse has grown and it is now a much harder thing to destroy. I believe the resources in the Movement are wrongly balanced. The traditional societies have hundreds of thousands, perhaps even millions of pounds and if that money could be diverted into direct action, it would be incredible what could happen, though of course its not just money. People are now giving more money to the ALF after they've seen what it is doing and what it is achieving - however it's a long and very slow process.

Q.How is the ALF organised ?
RL. It's organised in a decentralised way, composed of autonomous groups, mainly in Britain, but also in other countries. There are ALF-type groups in Australia, New Zealand, Germany, USA, Canada etc; etc;. Local groups keep to the same general policy : they're opposed to all animal abuse ; they take direct action and they don't injure animals or humans in their actions. They are free to choose their own actions and targets. There may be contact between groups through friendship but its basically unstructured. I think the way it is,enables more things to occur. If you had just one person directing all the activities, the number of actions he or she could organise would be limited. There is no official structure and it has grown up this way. It's a lot better also for security reasons. If there is no 'head office' there's nowhere the police can raid and get lists of activists and proposed actions etc;. There's nothing to stop one group contacting another that they know to organise a night of co-ordinated action against one specific type of animal abuse but in several areas.

ALF raid on Doo Little Mill Farm. 2nd August 1983. (5)

The target for this raid was the Doo Little Mill Poultry processing plant at Ampthill in Bedfordshire.

The processing plants slaughter chickens from battery farms when they are felt to be of no use any longer as they no longer lay eggs. It is common for birds not to be properly stunned and therefore have their throats slit whilst fully conscious. The birds are then plunged into boiling water and on occasions, they are still alive when this happens due to the failure of the killing 'system' which is supposed to kill them before this particular stage. Invariably, the reason for this is to increase profits - ie the production lines function on a very high speed (for high productivity) and numerous chickens miss all the sequences existing to kill them. It is because of this, we decided to hit Doo Little where it hurts - financially.

Our group of five met at 11pm not far from Ampthill. We spent about 15 minutes checking our equipment which consisted of petrol, rags and fuses. Following this check, we spent about 20 minutes going over the plans for the action. We had seen the target beforehand and were therefore quite familiar with it so discussion about what we were going to do didn't take as long as usual. After everything had been confirmed and double-checked, we set off about midnight.
Our original plan was to park the car on a road being built alongside the processing plant but on arrival we saw that the road had been blocked off. After a quick discussion we decided to risk parking the car at the bottom end of the long drive leading to the plant. The five of us walked with the equipment along the edge of the blocked-off road which was dark until we were parallel with the plant. We then clambered through a thin line of trees and shrubbery until we reached the perimeter fence. It was a windless night and it seemed as if every noise, no matter how slight, could be heard for miles.

On the other side of the fence was a small building with a light on. One of the group climbed over the fence to investigate and found the door was open. Fortunately it was empty. The equipment was passed over the fence and the rest of the group climbed over into the compound area. We quickly searched round the area near the lorries to check there were no humans or animals nearby. Two of the group left us to be look-outs. There were four vehicles - three lorries and a coach for transporting workers. We opened all the doors and poured petrol over the seats, crates and throughout the coach. We then went behind the small building with the light on to tie rags on the sticks we had brought along. At that moment we had a bad shock as a very large alsation walked around the corner and headed straight towards us. We all thought "this is it". However, the dog gave everyone a good sniff and happily walked away to the other side of the plant - well away from the lorry/coach area - as if it knew what we were doing and approved of it.....

We finished making the fuses and soaked them in petrol. The look-outs ran back to the car to get it started and allowing them three minutes, we then lit the fuses. The first vehicle to be lit was the coach - there was a sound like an explosion as a sheet of flame shot from end to end. The lorries were set on fire and soon ablaze and the roaring of the flames sounded like something from "The Towering Inferno". As we ran to the car, the melting wire in one of the lorries set off the air horn and one of the petrol tanks blew up. As we drove away the whole area of sky behind us was glowing red and there was a thick cloud of black smoke rising up into the sky. There was a tremendous reaction to this raid and details were given in all the papers and on all TV/Radio news bulletins. The police said the plant "looked like something out of World War II" and the local CID set up an incident room but closed this ten days later as no 'leads' were found . The excellent publicity was not only through the type of action but through immediately contacting the London Press Association - this is very important after an ALF action is taken as it virtually guarantees wide publicity. A spokesman for the National Farmers Union said we were "bloody dangerous criminals". However in view of what these people do with and to animals, we think <u>they</u> are the real criminals.

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ALF raid on Butilaars Slaughterhouse, Nr Boston, Lincs, (6)

Our group consists of ten members - five females and five males. We are all basically agreed on what is needed to achieve animal liberation and have no problems existing as a group.
As a rule, five of the group take direct action whilst the other five spend more time leafletting and do the important work of finding (and giving) homes to rescued animals.
We received information that a slaughterhouse near Boston in Lincolnshire had rabbits on the premises overnight so we decided that we would take direct action against this place, rescue the rabbits and home them before they were slaughtered the following day.
This particular abattoir - Butilaars - is noted and known for its extreme cruelty - the employees work on piece-rate and frequently the rabbits miss the stunner and are skinned alive. Five of the group drove to within a mile of the abattoir on the 2nd October (1983) and parked our vehicle where we could be sure it wouldn't be seen. We then started to walk the mile-long riverbank under boat wires and across ditches to reach the rear of the premises. The front is lit up and the foreman lives next door.

We made our way to the front and we moved very quickly because of the circumstances already stated but we saw that the doors were heavily padlocked. One of the group quietly got onto the roof but was still unable to gain entry. We quickly searched around and one of the group found a sliding door which was not locked. One member stayed outside as a look-out as this is obviously very important and the remaining four entered the premises and found where the rabbits were kept. There were many crates full up of live rabbits - on average, 14 rabbits to each crate. We got hold of one of the crates and carried it out and one of the group quietly closed the door and sprayed anti-cruelty slogans on the building. No internal damage was done as we were sure the foreman would have heard it.

We then proceeded to carry the crate sliding it gently under the first line of barbed wire, across the ditch and we then started to walk back along the mile long riverbank. As we were walking,it began to rain heavily and the rabbits began to move about more as the rain was going inside the crate.

We eventually came to the end of the river bank and one member went off to get the vehicle and when it arrived after a short time, we put the crate inside and drove off. We went to the home of one of the group and took the rabbits out of the crate. They were then dried and fed and left in a warm room overnight. The next day we took them to the homes which had been arranged and they began their new lives of existing without fear of pain, exploitation or painful death.

It was pitiful to leave the other rabbits knowing what they were facing and going to suffer and this is the most awful part of our work. However, we had rescued fourteen rabbits and were glad this had happened.

The Lincolnshire Animal Liberation Front is simply a group of Animal Rights activists who believe direct action against all forms of Animal peresecution and exploitation is a wholly necessary part of the Animal Rights campaign and this form of action must continue - and be increased - for the campaign to be successful. We hope more and more people will join in the campaign of direct action and those unable to, will support it through making the resources required available.

Lincolnshire Animal Liberation Front.

The Animal Liberation Front - Fighting in the front line for the Animals NOW

ALF Supporters - 1. (7)

(1) The SG would be very grateful if members would continue to send in newspaper cuttings that mention the Animal Liberation Front and/or direct action. This is particularly important in the case of 'free newspapers' which are difficult to obtain if living outside the area in which they are delivered.

(2)If you can, please distribute SG membership forms at demonstrations for Animal Rights. If you can photocopy/duplicate them, this would be appreciated to avoid heavy postage costs. If you do copy them, please ensure the whole form is copied especially the date and signature line at the very bottom. Thanks.

(3)The ALF Supporters Group postcard is now available. The postcard is high quality and shows four successful ALF actions in 1982. The cards are 10p each or 10 for 75p. They are very useful for fund-raising and if any group wishes to take advantage of this, they are only £6.75 for 100. Please enclose some stamps to help with postage.Thanks.

(4)Back-copies of SG newsletters can be obtained.(Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10) . These cost 30p to reprint so please send at least 30p to cover this with a 12½p stamp for the postage.

(5)ALF posters(the size of this page) can also be obtained for £1 for 25. The poster is a large picture as shown on the SG members' badge with the words "Support the Animal Liberation Front" below. Many people have found many uses for these.....

(6)Please ALWAYS state your membership number(shown on the address label on the newsletter envelope). This is VERY important and a great deal of time would be saved if members would do this when writing - for whatever reason.
If sending in money, please advise what it is for - an order, donation or subscription.
If you are changing your method of payment (from manual to standing order or standing order to manual), please let the SG know. Your membership number will change if this occurs and will be shown on the next newsletter address label.
Please advise change of address giving as much notice as possible.

Amd finally, if you are ordering anything detailed above, it would be of great help if a stamped addressed envelope was enclosed with the order. If you are unsure of the postage, even an unstamped addressed envelope is of value as it will save the SG a great deal of time. Thanks.

(7)The present (SG) photo. collection. is a set of three photographs taken during the successful raid on the London 'School' of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine at St Albans, Hertfordshire in 1982. Six cats were rescued from this establishment which murders animals in painful experiments involving deadly diseases. The photos. are about 8" x 10" and are:-
(a)Masked ALF activist holding one of the rescued cats
(b)Masked ALF activist 'nursing' one of the rescued cats
(c)"Group" photo. of all the ALF activists involved in the raid holding the cats rescued.

The collection is £7.75 or any one photo. for £3. Please allow up to six weeks for delivery.

(8)You can help by doing one or more of the following:-
(i)Get a new member to join the SG by standing order(a form will be supplied on request)
(ii)Have a letter printed in a newspaper etc; supporting the ALF and/or direct action
(iii)Hold a fund raising event and raise £24 or more for the ALF or ALF(SG).
Please send in the standing order or newspaper cutting or fund-raising money and a special "ALF Supporter - Active Supporter" badge will be sent to you. Please ensure you include your name and membership number.
This is a very valuable way of helping the ALF and everyone should be able to do one of the suggestions above. Please do try to do one. Thanks.

ALF Supporters - 2.

(9)SG members may wish to let the following person know what they feel about his work 'with' animals:-

Stewart Sutherland
Firfield
Penshurst Road,
Leigh,
Nr Tonbridge, Kent. (Information correct at time of printing)

This individual is a 'vet' at the notorious Wellcome Laboratories which tortures animals to death. In addition to this, Sutherland is also a director of Porcellus Guinea-Pigs which is a firm that breeds guinea-pigs for painful and cruel experiments - and inevitable death - for 'research'establishments. The animals he tortures cannot speak out - but YOU can.

(10) Please remember there is always an urgent need for homes for animals. If you can home any, please advise the ALF stating (1)Your name and address (2)Your home and work telephone numbers (3)The exact types of animals you can home (4)The number (5)Whether temporary or permanent (obviously perm. ones are the most needed).
Fully appreciating many SG members do have animals, animals such as guinea-pigs, mice, rats, hamsters, gerbils, etc; take up virtually no room and cost very little to keep.
If you do home an animal or for various reasons can no longer home any, please advise the ALF so the record for you can be amended/removed - this is important to avoid time and money being wasted. For security reasons, if you do write and say you cannot home any because you have taken one/some in, please just give your SG membership number only.
Animal rescue can only continue as long as homes exist - please remember that. Finally, there are people who kindly offered good homes perhaps as long as a year ago and still have not been contacted and are no doubt wondering why the ALF is asking for homes and yet their offer has not been taken up. Homing is entirely dependent upon the area, types of animals rescued, the ALF group responsible for the rescue and numerous others factors. So please do not think your kind offer has gone unrecorded or is being ignored. Please discuss the possibility of homing with other members of the Animal Rights group you belong to - the only things the ALF asks is that (1)The home is a good one (2)Any offers are serious and have been thought about.

(11)On September 6th 1983, ALF activists completed a highly successful raid on Parke Davis Research Laboratory in Hills Rd Cambridge. This is their report:-
"....The Lab. was a temporary building being used for animal experimentation while more permanent buildings were being erected. Acting on reliable inside information, we broke in through the floor of the raised building(to avoid the activation of burglar alarms). We had been told there were animals inside which had been infected and given deadly illnesses and were dying so we humanely put them to sleep out of their miserable suffering. We then used petrol and rags to start a fire and left the same way we entered. Before starting the fire, we made a very thorough check there was no human or animal(wild rats & mice, birds nesting) around. As we left the area we heard the noise of the intense fire consuming the building and everything around us had a red glow from the fire. The Parke Davis establishment said it was an electrical fault that caused the fire and we presume this was said for insurance reasons. The establishment was set up to manufacture drugs for neurological conditions and the firm's directors said they anticipated using many hundreds of thousands of animals yearly. It would have covered 120,000 square feet and had close links with Cambridge University. The Press reported the damage cost one million pounds. Needless to say, we were very happy with the results....."

"....It is high time something was done for Animal Rights, although I don't think it should be a party issue. ANIMALS TRANSCEND PARTY POLITICS...." (Animal Rights Supporter/Campaigner Alan Clark, Con.Member of Parliament,Plymouth & Sutton. in 'Review' 24/2/83).

(12) T-shirts supporting the Animal Liberation Front are available from the ALF(SG). The shirts have the picture as shown on the Supporters Group badge with the words"Support the Animal Liberation Front" underneath. The shirts are available in small, medium or large and cost £3.50 each. The postage cost to be added to the £3.50 is 50p for 1 shirt, 2 to 4 shirts £1 and nothing(ie postage free) for 5 shirts.
If you wish to order it is VERY IMPORTANT that the following instructions are followed. If they are not, this will lead to a delay or the shirt(s) not being sent at all.:-
(1)Send a cheque or postal order(Not Cash) to the ALF(SG) made payable to "ALF(SG)".
(2)Enclose an envelope(any size) addressed to yourself. This must be written clearly as the SG will use this as the address label on the package:
(3)State (a)the size and(b)the number of shirt(s) being ordered(ie "One medium"or "two large and one small").
Please allow up to six weeks for delivery. Thanks.

(13)The ALF is sent Animal Rights publications from time to time from Animal Welfare/Rights societies all over the world. The ALF would be very grateful to hear from anyone who would be able to do a little translation work occasionally. The objective would be to read through the magazine etc; and see whether there is any reference to the ALF or direct action. If such an entry occurs, a translation of just this piece would be required. Therefore this work would be very occasional and when arising would not take very long. If you speak any of the following languages fluently or at least have a good working knowledge of them please let us know. French. German, Spanish. Italian. Swedish. Dutch. Flemish. Portuguese. Indian languages Norwegian,Danish.
If you can help, please do so advising the language(s) heading your letter "Translator". Thank you.

(14)BUAV members - IMPORTANT !

The ALF and the ALF(SG) would ask every member who is also a BUAV member to attend the 1984 AGM.('BUAV member' being a member who has paid their 1984 subscription) The BUAV is one of the few large Animal Rights Societies which openly supports the Animal Liberation Front and direct action and - for the animals' sake - it is VITAL that this continues. It is also important that the BUAV continues its radical outlook and keeps up with the changing face of the Animal Rights Campaign. This CAN BE DONE by people attending the AGM and voting for the right committee members.
An AGM may seem a very unproductive passive way of helping animals but this is not the case at all - in the case of the BUAV AGM, voting to ensure the BUAV fights for the animals, it is very important. It is not an overstatement to say that the 1984 AGM could be one of the most important dates for the Animals, certainly more important than most demonstrations etc; as the results of the BUAV AGM has a lasting effect for a long time afterwards.

The important date is 21st July 1984(Saturday).**********
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Further details will be given in a BUAV 'Liberator' before the AGM and anyone requiring further details can of course contact the BUAV.
The ALF and the ALF(SG) will be recommending candidates for the BUAV AGM who they know to be dedicated Animal Rights activists/workers who put the Animals first. Leaflets giving details will be distributed at the AGM itself. Please put July 21st in your diary and if possible arrange for others to also attend the AGM. The more people that attend the AGM to ensure the Animals obtain the best deal possible, the more likely it will be that this is achieved. Please make sure that July 21st is the one day in 1984 that you use for the Animals' benefit.

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Animal Liberation Front (S.G).
April 1984.

Diary of ALF/Direct Actions.

(1)Late January 1984.Harrogate,N.Yorks. ALF activists damage property of P Rogers,the director of Hazleton Labs. where painful experiments are carried out on animals.Slogans painted on house,front windows smashed and paint stripper poured over two new cars.
(2)Jan/Feb.Harrogate,N.Yorks. A total of 12 fur shop windows broken in series of attacks by ALF activists.
(3)Feb 4th/5th.Bristol,Avon. Monks Park School damaged in protest against the killing of animals there.The headmaster admitted to the Press animals were killed for examinations.
(4)Feb 6th.Hornsey,London. ALF activists damage 3 shops selling ritually-slaughtered meat
(5)Feb.7th.Wigan,Lancs. During a demo.outside a battery farm, 2 hens rescued.Now in good homes.
(6)Feb.7th.Brackley,Northants.4 chickens rescued from Faccenda poultry slaughterhouse during a demo. outside.
(7)Feb.9th.Bournemouth.ALF activists smash window of Arfin Ltd which sells ritually slaughtered meat."Bled to death" painted on exterior.
(8)Feb.10th.Worthing,Sussex.ALF activists smash windows of three establishments involved in animal killing. Anti-cruelty slogans painted on them also.
(9)Feb.11th. Leeds,W.Yorks. ALF set fire to five empty breeding sheds at a poultry farm. Extensive damage caused.
(10)Feb.12th.Omagh,N.Ireland. Traps left to catch wild foxes damaged/destroyed.
(11)Feb.12th.Harrogate,N.Yorks. ALF activists smash window of Whitehead Fur Shop.
(12)Feb.15th.Hull,Humberside. For the 3rd time in 3 months ALF activists damage Furriers(Leatherworld).
(13)Feb.15th. Bignor Hill,Sussex. ALF activists daub anti-hunt slogans on memorial stone of James Wentworth-Fitzwilliam,a local huntsman,secretary of Cowdray Hounds and BFSS and Master of the Foxhounds Ass. "Rot in Hell" was one slogan. The ALF asked if this was desecration replied it was nothing compared with the desecration of wildlife by Hunters who terrorise animals in the country by chasing them and killing them.
(14)Feb.16th.Wanstead,London. ALF activists damage several butchers shops in High Street by jamming locks with glue and painting anti-cruelty slogans on them.
(15)Feb.17th.Glasgow/Edinburgh. ALF activists from two areas join together and launch a joint attack against businesses connected with animal abuse. In Edinburgh ten shops had windows smashed.In Glasgow nine shops had windows smashed/locks jammed/etc;.
(16)Feb.19th.Swanley,Kent.Two premises dealing with meat sales damaged by ALF
(17)Feb.19th/23rd.Liverpool.ALF activists smash window(with a full house brick)of butchers and spray a meat packers premises with anti-meat slogans,On the 23rd,activists smashed two butchers shop windows and painted anti-meat slogans on them.
(18)Feb.19th.Gothenburg,Sweden.International ALF damage five fur shops by jamming locks with filler.This was first action by this group who have further attacks planned.
(19)Feb.19th.Kettering,Northants. Extensive damage done to London Furriers fur shop.
(20)Feb.20th.Trollhattan,Sweden. International ALF jam locks of a fur shop and gun shop. Pälsar Mord (Fur means murder)painted on fur shop. The five fur shops attacked on the 19th(see(18).) were visited again and had locks jammed to prevent normal opening.
(21)Feb.20th.Zurich,Switzerland. International ALF rescue 5 mice from Immunology Research Dept.
(22)Feb.20th.Kristianstad,Sweden. International ALF spray anti-fur slogans on and around Pamir Pals fur shop.
(23)Feb.21st,Aldgate,London.Three fur shops have locks jammed and posters pasted on their windows.
(24)Feb.24th.Harrogate,N.Yorks. Jackie Brown a terrier man of a local hunt had all 4 tyres slashed on his van whilst he was attending Bramham Moor Hunt Ball. Meanwhile other ALF activists raided his home and destroyed medals awarded at terrier shows and removed hunting equipment -including badger tongs and gin trap.
(25)Feb.26th.Ahrensburg,W.Germany."Autonomous Animal Protectors-Deutschland" raid an animal breeding farm and rescue 550 guinea-pigs. Files also removed.In a statement to the Press the group stated they were"declaring war on a powerful mafia of professional animal torturers"...
(26)Feb.28th.North London.ALF activists smash windows of H J West butchers,Wood Green.
(27)Feb.28th.Cranbrook,Kent.ALF activists damage 8 lorries belonging to Fridays poultry farm. Several hens rescued and now in good homes.
(28)Feb.28th.Glasgow.ALF activists severely damage five shops connected with animal abuse. Two activists later arrested and charged - donations towards legal costs needed.
(29)March 1st.Wirral,Merseyside. ALF activists damage five businesses involved in meat trade.

(30)March 1st Merseyside. ALF activists raid Merseyside factory farm and rescue 16 chickens.Anti-cruelty slogans painted on exterior.Chickens now in good homes
(31)March 3rd Chigwell Essex. ALF activists cause over £12,000 worth of damage to property belonging to Clive Bourne who is a director of company involved in exporting dogs to Nigeria in cruel conditions.In a letter dated 19th December to an Animal Rights group, Bourne stated his company had been involved in the consignment of dogs and this had happened as recently as 30th October 1983.
(32)March 4th Romford Essex. ALF activists severely damaged the vehicle of Essex Hunt terrier man. This'terrier man' is well known for digging up foxes for the Hunt'kill' and is believed to be involved in badger baiting. This was second action on this individual in a month.
(33)March 6th Summerford Cheshire. ALF activists damage Summerford Bank Farm, a broiler unit. The same evening, ALF activists damaged/destroyed property belonging to Cheshire Forest Hunt. In Altrinham, the Sunderland farm battery unit was raided and extensive damage done there by members of the ALF.
(34)March 8th Uxbridge Middlesex. ALF activists smash windows of Admin.Dept.of the School of Biological Sciences at Brunel University. This establishment carries out experiments involving growths and stress on various animals(rabbits,rodents,etc;)
(35)March 9th Up Hatherley Glos. ALF activists attack 'Golden Yolk Farm' which keeps 37,000 hens. Farm lorry tyres slashed and "Factory Farmers-Out"painted on lorry & farm.
(36)March 10th Ramsgate Kent. Thanet meat co. raided and extensive damage done to a lorry there.A partner said to local Press"This will cost us a lot of money....."
(37)March 11th Enfield Middx. For the third time in three months, R Collins furriers was attacked by ALF activists.Locks jammed and anti-fur slogans sprayed on exterior
(38)March 11th St Albans Herts. Six butchers shops have slogans such as "Killers" and "Dealers in Murder" painted on them by ALF activists
(39)March 12th Battlesbridge Essex. ALF activists raid Tuck & Son which breeds mice rats and guinea-pigs for cruel painful experiments. Over 100 guinea pigs rescued, many of which were pregnant. Now all in good homes.
(40)March 15th Ringwood Hampshire. ALF activists set fire to cages in Ringwood Cattle market. Rabbits, chickens and kid goats sold there for slaughter.
(41)March 16th Stambridge Essex. ALF activists attack Fascenda Chickens Ltd. Extensive damage done to equipment inside three sheds which were broken into.
(42)March 18th Camden London. ALF activists damage property belonging to Wetters Ltd which supplies equipment to the meat trade.
(43)March 18th Holloway London. ALF activists jam locks of Bremners Butchers shop
(44)March 18th Glasgow. In protest against the Canadian slaughter of harp seals ALF activists paint anti-slaughter slogans over Canadian Consulate.
(45)March 18th Lincoln. Extensive damage done to Skin & Hide fur and leather shop by ALF activists.
(46)March 19th Merseyside. ALF activists raid poultry farm and rescue 20 hens from cruel conditions there. Now in good homes.
(47)March 20th Camberwell London. ALF activists raid Institute of Psychiatry and rescue 40 rats which were due to be used in horrific experiments which include stress and causing fits. The institute also performs brain experiments on baboons. One newspaper estimated accompanying damage as £50,000. The institute admitted to Press it would impair their 'work' for quite some time.
(48)March 20th Edinburgh. ALF activists smash windows of four businesses associated with animal abuse.
STOP PRESS:-
(1)A 1983 SG newsletter carried the names of people associated with the notorious Shamrock Farms in Sussex. Wallis and Bassett are no longer applicable as circumstances have changed - Would SG members possessing this newsletter make a note of this.
(2)Any Animal Rights group interested in a talk about the ALF should write to the ALF giving their name, address, telephone number(s),the group concerned and the likely attendance. The ALF will then endeavour to arrange for a representative to give a talk at a mutually convenient date.
Overheard in North London'pub':-
"Most of my mates have had their places done by these bloody animal right people- I just dread the day when it happens to me. One has lost a lot of custom and money and another - who has been 'done' four times is thinking of packing it in....."
(Later conversation revealed speaker was a butcher).
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THE BEGINNING OF ANIMAL LIBERATION

AND THE END OF ANIMAL ABUSE

DIRECT SUPPORT FOR DIRECT ACTION



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An interview with a member of the International Animal Liberation Front(U.S.A.)

The activist interviewed is a clerk in a brokerage firm on the east coast of the USA. He has been a member of the IALF for 18 months.

Question. When you came forward to be interviewed, you said you hoped to convey your"ordinariness" . What did you mean by that ?
Activist. I am concerned that people think of the IALF as a group composed of professional criminals. We are not into "crime", we don't rob banks; in fact, we're just like everybody else. Most of us work full-time, some are students, some have families.
Q. Are you saying IALF members lead double lives ? The one ordinary and law-abiding, the other unlawful and a well-kept secret ?.
Act. The idea of a "double life" smacks of intrigue for one, and disjointedness or inconsistency for another. My work with the IALF, although illegal and in that sense separate from my daily routine, remains quite commensurate with the virtues I believe in and make every attempt to live by. I see participating in the IALF's raids not as a momentary forfeiture of the highest human values - goodness, generosity, and the like - but rather an embodiment of them.
If I did not believe that, I would not have joined the IALF. You see I have a lot to lose. At 23, I'm looking ahead to my life; I go to college at night; and I'm planning a career in business. Every time I'm involved in IALF raids, I risk a conviction on felony charges. On the other hand, I certainly do not wish to get caught, or go to jail, or have a criminal record; but risking those difficulties was not enough to keep me from joining a group at the forefront of a growing move toward human awareness and concern for non-human animals. Many people, and more all the time, believe with the IALF that animals must not be needlessly made to suffer. Where violation of this inalienable right occurs,we must protest. The IALF just goes one step further and literally alleviates the suffering when and where it is going on. So, my part in IALF raids actually facilitates a direct connection between my thinking and my behaviour. If I said I believed in animal rights, but did nothing or very little, then I would indeed be living "a double life".
Q. Are you in favour of legal campaigning ?
Act. Absolutely. Without the gradual and sometimes tedious work of acting through legal channels, we would have no hope of a true revolution in attitudes; without a new attitude, the law will retain its abysmal disregard of animals. The humane educators bring atrocities to light, inviting public evaluation and reassessment of the way things have been and are - then and only then is the way opened to change. The life of the humane educator, the person in picket lines, the leafletter, the radio talk-show's guest, the writer of letters-to-the-editor, demands an infinite patience and perseverence I salute and admire...and in many ways I participate in myself.
Q. How do you feel about the fact that the IALF's goals are accomplished by law-breaking ?
Act. Raiding laboratories or any place housing animals subjected to cruelty takes a certain boldness and defiance. By boldness I mean a willingness to give up everything. By defiance, I mean a definitive refusal to allow institutional cruelty its permission to exist and continue.



PETA member Holly Jensen holds Peter, one of 35 injured cats liberated from the Howard University Medical School. One cat was found dead in her cage. Veterinary reports released to us by the ALF showed earmite infestations, infected sutures and ringworm. The USDA and Howard University veterinarians approved these inexcusable conditions. Peter is now in a loving home and has undergone surgery to correct partial paralysis caused by surgery at Howard. (Photo - Courtesy of The Washington Post)

An interview with a member of the International Animal Liberation Front (USA)

(Continued).....If that means having to break the law as it stands now, then unfortunately we will break the law. However, the IALF does not arrogantly break laws for the sake of breaking them. Indeed, we hope that in the future our raids will be unnecessary and obsolete because the law will do what we do now; guard and respect the rights of all animals, not just the human animal. We must break the laws condoning cruelty - laws we want eradicated - because we answer to a Higher Law. The law now permits the suffering of animals at the hands of selfishness, greed and convenience.

We have to break laws that we do not want changed - we trespass, we break and enter, we damage property if we have to, in order to get to the animals. Each person in the IALF must make peace with him- or herself in this matter. The main problem lies in public opinion. Most people probably see us as some sort of strange and dangerous left-wing group, perhaps even as terrorists, because they know only what the media tells them. We cannot afford to come forward and tell our story to the newspapers as I am telling you now; we have to keep our profile as low as possible. I am afraid that even if a comprehensive and sympathetic report on the IALF were aired on nationwide news, factors besides ignorance would work against us.

Q: What do you see standing in the way of Animals having legal rights?

Act: I'm convinced that the three biggest obstacles to Animal Rights are ignorance, apathy and big business. Apathy not only means a "Who cares?" attitude but a "Why should I care?" approach, fostering a continuance of habits and learned prejudices. The idea of animals having rights is still new enough that it is often greeted with a smirking attitude by those who have never considered animals as anything but objects capable of rendering various products. Encouraged to believe animal products make life better, more enjoyable or more convenient, people have learned to value the product and ignore the animal.

Unfortunately, today's businesses stand to lose when consumers make sound, cruelty-free choices. Some multi-million dollar businesses in this country profit by an unthinking public, waiting to have its taste buds stimulated or its bodies fashionably dressed. Effecting changes in attitudes must come first before we can expect any long-term, thorough-going changes towards animals gaining legal rights. But the job of sustaining the slow, incremental steps of humane education bears down with a frustrating enormity. I think most of us in the IALF feel a sense of urgency in partnership with a sense of duty; we can't wait ten or fifteen years for laws to be changed.

Q: Once you joined the IALF, did you have any serious doubts as to whether your decision to join was the right one?

Act: I had mulled over the pros and cons several times before joining; I had made up my mind, so that whether my involvement lasted only a month or two, or much longer, I was doing the right thing. But I had no idea how the sight of the animals we were liberating was going to affect me. The first raid I helped with was a laboratory raid. One of the animals was badly mutilated and had been starved - I was appalled. Any lingering ambivalence evaporated. I'll never forget how the animals stunk of their own urine; they were filthy. We in the IALF look forward to the day when laws will regard the wanton exploitation of animals as the disgrace that it is, but until then we will continue liberating those animals at every opportunity with a grim determination....."

"..Hurt not the Animals...." (Triptolemus A.D 50)

MINK LIBERATION - THE MYTHS AND THE FACTS

From time to time the national and local media carry headlines highlighting the latest in a series of raids on mink farms carried out by members of the Animal Liberation Front or like-minded people. While the ALF is perhaps used to being described by the media as a bunch of hooligans, the actions themselves - especially if animals have been rescued - are quite often sympathetically reported. Mink liberation however, never receives such favour from the media and the reasons for this are the subject of this article.

Unfortunately, the almost hysterical rantings of the media following such a raid are not only believed by the general public, but also increasingly by Animal Rights activists, some of whom are calling for a complete cessation of such attacks. Such a tendency should be resisted simply because the media is quite wrong in its assertions that mink are a threat to wildlife and are a danger to human beings as they would quickly discover if they took the trouble to read just a small percentage of the scientific papers currently available dealing with the issue of mink in Britain.

The facts about mink are that:

(1) They do not attack human beings. On the contrary, like most sane animals they endeavour to avoid contact with people. The only people likely to suffer the rather painful, but otherwise harmless, bite of a mink are careless mink farmers and trappers - I for one have little sympathy for such people and would defend the right of any mink to defend itself against them.

(2) Mink pose little or no threat to domestic animals and farm stock. They certainly do not attack calves, sheep or lambs as some would like us to believe. In some circumstances however, chickens are vulnerable to attack from mink as they are from foxes, badgers, polecats, weasels, dogs and cats. What is often forgotten by farmers however, is that they are responsible by law for the safety of their stock and in most cases losses of chickens to any predator are the result of the farmer's own negligence. Free-range poultry should be locked up at night in secure rat-proofed houses. During the day of course, free-range poultry are vulnerable to attack from any of the many predators that roam our countryside and to single out the mink as being the worst culprit is entirely unjust.

(3) Mink are not a threat to our native wildlife. Only one "scientist", Sir Christopher Lever, vigorously maintains the view that they are and he is a biologist of the old school, having done no field work on mink and relying to a great extent on misrepresenting or distorting the words and findings of those who have. Most biologists in Britain take the view that the mink has adapted well to life in Britain and has merely established itself in a vacant ecological niche which would have been occupied by its slightly smaller cousin, the European mink, had the landbridge between Britain and Europe lasted a few thousand years longer.

Mink have been resident as a breeding species in Britain since before 1956 when they were first recorded as breeding in Devon. If the species was really the nuisance that the media like to say it is, then we would expect to have noticed some change in the wildlife populations and diversity of species in Devon by now; no such changes have been noted except in the case of the otter, which as is well known, has been brought close to extinction in Britain as a result of the use of pesticides in agriculture and hunting for sport. This point of course illustrates the real source of danger to our wildlife; human abuse of the countryside.

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Considerable store is laid by the anti-mink lobby on the fact that the mink is not a native of this country, that it is a carnivore and that it has no natural predators. It should be remembered, however that the mink is a relative of the stoat, polecat, weasel, pine marten, badger and otter, all of which are native predators with no natural predators and with them the mink shares certain hunting techniques. The fact that the mink is not a native to this country is only important if its hunting methods are unusual to the native wildlife so that their evolved means of defence against predation provide no protection from the new predator. An example would be the dodo, that bird became extinct because its flightless lifestyle left it vulnerable to attack from the alien rats and pigs introduced to its native island by humans.

The mink, however, has no unnatural hunting methods to employ against our wildlife; their evolved defences against the mink's native cousins hold good against the mink. The mink can climb trees but is not as good at this as the pine marten, it can swim but not as well as the otter and on dry land its hunting methods are the same as those of the stoat and weasel. Thus when the mink needs food and goes hunting, its prey will be caught and killed in exactly the same way as if they were hunted by any of the mink's native cousins. The only reason the mink has been able to establish itself is because the animal is able to combine the hunting techniques of several of its relatives and live in areas which would be unsuitable for more specialised predators. Thus mink will establish territories for themselves along small rivers and streams whose fish population would be inadequate to support otters, but by hunting small fish, birds and mammals, mink are able to find enough food to survive.

The mink's ability to exploit a wide range of prey serves a further purpose in that it is unlikely that it will ever hunt a prey species to extinction. What happens here is that the mink hunts only those species that can be found with the least effort. In most cases these are the animals which are the most common in the mink's territory. If the mink's predation begins to have some effect on the prey population, it becomes progressively more difficult to find and kill enough prey to satisfy the predator's needs. The mink's response to this is to seek other prey species. If none are available, the mink's survival chances are obviously lowered and it either has to increase the size of its territory at the expense of neighbouring mink or move on altogether.

A comparison between a number of studies of mink predation in different areas of Britain demonstrates this. In one study of mink living along a fast flowing river in Devon, it was shown that the mink draw on a wide variety of different prey species and that the mink population structure is very fluid, (ie the animals rarely establish a territory for long before moving). This reflects the lack of food along this river. In another study in Scotland it was shown that the mink population is stable and at the time of the study was preying predominantly on eels, yet a further study also conducted in Scotland, showed that in this area coarse fish were the main constituents of the local mink diet. Thus it can be seen that the mink's ability to exploit a wide range of prey species and to adapt its focus from one species to another according to their relative abundance makes it very unlikely for the mink to hunt any prey species into near extinction on either a local or national level.

The release of large numbers of wild and fully experienced mink into a small area would certainly be a cause for some concern and would have a considerable effect on the local wildlife. Even under such circumstances I doubt that the result could be truly described as catastrophic. Once the large numbers of mink had dispersed in search of their own territories the local wildlife would begin to recover. It is a well-known biological fact that animals at the bottom of the food chain are prolific breeders and that given plenty of room (such as would be left following an invasion of mink), their breeding rates and survival prospects would grow allowing rapid re-colonisation.

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When we talk about ranched mink however, we are not dealing with truly wild and definitely not with experienced mink. The effects of the release of several hundred inexperienced mink will be virtually negligible. The mink may attack a few farmers' poultry, but by the time they have learned to catch wild prey, they will have dispersed in every direction. They will in effect be subject to the same "rules" as their wild cousins. What is important is that the mink are able to escape rapidly as happens when the perimeter fence is cut at the corners so that the animals run along the wire and straight out rather than across the hole as happens if the hole is cut half way along the fence. Rapid escape from the farm has tended to ensure that individual mink come into contact with each other, fight and thus speed up the dispersal process.

Reservations about the release of mink from fur farms should be upheld under certain conditions. Release should never be undertaken during the spring when local wildlife are breeding and their young are especially vulnerable to the kind of haphazard hunting that inexperienced mink are likely to indulge in. Mink should never be released from farms on small islands where there are few or no terrestrial natural predators for such islands are often colonised by sea birds whose nests are very vulnerable to any ground predators. Such islands would not be colonised by these birds if there were ground predators there already.

Finally, while acknowledging that mink liberation is a controversial subject which, thanks to the ignorance of the media, robs the Animal Rights movement of much credibility, it would be a dangerous precedent to allow this to influence the activities of activists; we should instead seek to educate our media when such opportunities arise.

For those who would like to study this issue in greater detail, the Hunt Saboteurs Association has prepared a 40-page information leaflet about mink based on the work of many field biologists. It is obtainable from the HSA at PO Box 19, London SE22 9LR. Please enclose a large sae and £1.00 to cover the cost.

ALF SUPPORTERS - 1

(1) The SG would be very grateful if members would continue to send in newspaper cuttings that mention the Animal Liberation Front and/or direct action. This is particularly important in the case of 'free newspapers' which are difficult to obtain if living outside the area in which they are delivered.

(2) If you can, please distribute ALF leaflets at demonstrations for Animal Rights. These are available from the ALF, BCM Box 1160, London WC1N 3XX.

(3) The ALF Supporters Group postcard is now available. The postcard is high quality and shows four successful ALF actions in 1982. The cards are 10p each or 10 for 75p. They are very useful for fund-raising and if any group wishes to take advantage of this, they are only £6.75 for 100. Please enclose some stamps to help with postage. Thanks.

(4) Back-copies of SG newsletters can be obtained (Numbers 1,2,3,4,5, 6,7,8,9,10 and 11). These cost 30p to reprint, so please send at least 30p to cover this with a 12½p stamp for the postage.

(5) ALF posters (the size of this page) can also be obtained for £1 for 25. The poster is a large picture as shown on the SG members' badge with the words "Support the Animal Liberation Front" below. Many people have found many uses for these.....

(6) Please ALWAYS state your membership number (shown on the address label on the newsletter envelope). This is VERY important and a great deal of time would be saved if members would do this when writing - for whatever reason. If sending in money, please advise what it is for - an order, donation or subscription.

If you are changing your method of payment (from manual to standing order or standing order to manual), please let the SG know. Your membership number will change if this occurs and will be shown on the next newsletter address label. Please advise change of address giving as much notice as possible.

And finally, if you are ordering anything detailed above, it would be of great help if a stamped addressed envelope was enclosed with the order. If you are unsure of the postage, even an unstamped addressed envelope is of value as it will save the SG a great deal of time. Thanks.

(7) You can help by doing one or more of the following:

(a) Get a new member to join the SG by standing order (a form will be supplied on request).

(b) Have a letter printed in a newspaper etc., supporting the ALF and/ or direct action.

(c) Hold a fund-raising event and raise £24 or more for the ALF or ALF (SG).

Please send in the standing order or newspaper cutting or fund-raising money and a special "ALF Supporter - Active Supporter" badge will be sent to you. Please ensure you include your name and membership number.

This is a very valuable way of helping the ALF and everyone should be able to do one of the suggestions above. Please do try to do one. Thanks.

ALF SUPPORTERS - 2

(8) Please remember there is always an urgent need for homes for animals. If you can home any, please advise the ALF stating (a) your name and address, (b) your home and work telephone numbers, (c) the exact types and amount of animals you can home and (d) whether temporary or permanent home - obviously permanent ones are the most needed.

Fully appreciating many SG members do have animals, animals such as guinea pigs, mice, rats, hamsters, gerbils etc., take up virtually no room and cost very little to keep.

If you do home an animal, or for various reasons can no longer home any, please advise the ALF so the record for you can be amended/removed. This is important to avoid time and money being wasted. For security reasons, if you do write and say you cannot home any because you have taken one/some in, please just give your SG membership number only.

Animal rescue can only continue as long as homes exist - please remember that. Finally, there are people who kindly offered good homes perhaps as long as a year ago and still have not been contacted and are no doubt wondering why the ALF is asking for homes and yet their offer has not been taken up. Homing is entirely dependent upon the area, types of animals rescued, the ALF group responsible for the rescue and numerous other factors. So please do not think your kind offer has gone unrecorded or is being ignored. Please discuss the possibility of homing with other members of the Animal Rights group you belong to - the only things the ALF asks is that (a) the home is a good one and (b) any offers are serious and have been thought about.



DAILY MIRROR, Monday, May 14, 1984

Watership let-down

Nobody turns up for Adams

IT REALLY couldn't be described as the most successful outing for RICHARD ADAMS, author of Watership Down.

The Hampshire-based writer, whose acclaimed story of bunny rabbits has made him a most sought-after spokesman on animal welfare matters, was invited last week to speak at the House of Commons.

His address was to have followed a film about vivisection.

The event was arranged by Brighton animal campaigner RENA COLLINS, whose MP, TONY BOWDEN, booked the House's Grand Committee room. Mr Bowden, the Tory member for Brighton Kemptown, is known widely for protesting to the American ambassador about a dancing chicken in a New York juke box.

He posted notices of the Richard Adams talk throughout the Palace of Westminster. And even invited Prince Charles. In the event no one turned up.

Says Miss Collins: "It was awful. There was nobody for Mr Adams to give his talk to. Absolutely nobody.

"Mr Adams spent much of the film with his head on his arms."

In the end, the author returned home to the bunnies in Hampshire with his speech undelivered. About the only person present to hear it was the projectionist.

THE "SUCCESS" OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING ???????

Diary of ALF Actions

(1) Late March 84. ALF blocked locks of Aztec Furs, Whittington Rd, Bounds Green, with filler.
(2) Late March 84. ALF glued lock of Dewhurst, a butchers shop, in the Broadway, Crouch End, North London.
(3) 29/3/84. Alf raided the University of Paris, freeing 50 frogs and 20 pigeons. Photographs of rabbits undergoing experiments were taken.
(4) 31/3/84. A butchers shop in Havant had its lock glued up. A brick was thrown through the window of Newalls butcher shop in Emsworth. A door of a butchers shop in Waterlooville had its lock glued up. All these places are in Hampshire.
(5) End of March. ALF attacked the East of Eden night club in Bournemouth, where lobsters were being kept with their claws tied together and lived in 2 fish tanks. When a diner wanted one, they were taken away and boiled. ALF sprayed the windows with slogans. Lobsters are now off the menu.
(6) End of March. Scarborough Marineland and Amusement Park. ALF painted "used and Abused for fun" and "Animal Belsen" in 2ft letters on the entrance road leading into the park.
(7) Early April. ALF attacked home of guinea pig breeder Mr. M. Grayston. Window was smashed of Little Lions Farm, Ashley Heath, Dorset.
(8) Early April. Farmers planned to exterminate rabbits and badgers in Reading, so ALF visited the wood were farmers had put up signs and daubed them with "ALF". Since then the farmers had stopped their campaign.
(9) 2/4/84. ALF sprayed slogans on a butchers in Prebend St. Islington, North London.
(10) 4/4/84. 5 shops in Edinburgh had their windows smashed by ALF. 2 were butchers, a halal meat and meat trade wholesalers and the Dominion Fur Company.
(11) 8/4/84. Debenhams and Boots the chemist had their windows smashed by ALF in Derby, estimate of damage was over £600. A gun shop had its lock glued, a window smashed and slodans were also painted.
(12) 8/4/84. ALF liberated 1,600 mink from Bednall Hall Mink farm, Staffordshire.
(13) 8/4/84. ALF smashed windows of 4 shops in Edinburgh, all dealing in animal skins. Also a kilt shop displaying seal skin sporrans had its window smashed.
(14) 10/4/84. ALF broke into the University Hosp., Heidelberg, W. Germany and liberated 4 dogs and 37 cats which were to undergo experiments.
(15) 11/4/84. ALF in Nottingham shot a hole in a window of a leather shop, (Lafayette of Pelham St.) Also a window of Debenhams was broken because they sell Sovereign Furs.
(16)13/4/84. A van belonging to farmer Mr. Leslie Charles Christmas which was loaded with eggs, had its locks glued and brake fluid poured over it. The farm is in Westgate Bay Ave. Westgatate, Kent.
(17) 15/4/84. 3 lorries belonging to an Upminster (Essex) abbatoir had electrical wires cut and slogans were painted on the sides of the lorries.
(18) 15/4/84. In Edinburgh ALF attacked 4 butchers, a meat trade suppliers and a fishmongers all had their windows smashed.
(19) Mid-April. ALF in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, destroyed snares and traps that had been lain in a wood.
(20)Mid-April. ALF in Hereford broke windows of Hereford Cattle Market.
(21) " " ALF in Canterbury, Kent, attacked 18 shops connected with animal abuse.
(22) " " A meat lorry belonging to Thanet Meat Company of Ramsgate, Kent, had paint stripper poured on them. Also 12 butchers shops had their locks glued up.
(23) Mid-April. ALF glued up the locks of a butchers in Minster, Isle of Sheppey, Kent.
(24) " " ALF broke the windows of Boots the chemist in Clifton and W. Bridgford.
(25) 18/4/84. ALF in Enfield, N. London, liberated a dog from a man who was known to have blinded a dog and starved a rabbit to death.
(26) 20/4/84. ALF painted slogans on the jumps of Ashford Valley Foxhunt point-to-point, in Charing, Kent, the night before it took place.
(27) 23/4/84. ALF smashed the windows of 2 butchers shops in Hainault Rd. Leytonstone and Francis Rd. Leyton.
(28) 24/4/84. ALF in Nottingham, broke the window of 'Skincraft' a fur shop.
(29) 26/4/84. A pig farm belonging to John Walsh, Winsey House Farm, Rushden, Northampshire., had slogans painted on the sides of the pig houses, in full view of the A6 road.
(30) 27/4/84. ALF activists raided Brookhill Farm, Melling, Merseyside, and rescued 63

Diary of ALF Actions

(cont.) hens. The hens are now in free range conditions.

(31) 28/4/84. ALF raided Colwall kennels of Malvern, Worcestershire. The kennels breed beagles. ALF liberated 8 dogs which were all breeding stock for the kennels. The dogs were worth £5,800. The dogs are now all in good homes.

(32) 28/4/84. ALF blocked up the door lock of Aztec Furs in Whittington Rd., Bounds Green, N. London with hard setting filler.

(33) 30/4/84. ALF smashed the window of a halal meat shop, which murders animals on the premises, the shop is in Radford Rd. Nottingham.

(34) 30/4/84. ALF liberated a dog from the Master of Foxhounds, in Broxbourne, Herefordshire. The dog was being kept in a cage only twice its size. The dog is now in a good home.

(35) Late April. ALF painted slogans on a meat lorry belonging to Gillams the butchers of Cliftonville, Kent.

(36) Late April. ALF painted " Meat Means Murder " on the pavement outside Dewhurst the butchers, in Canterbury, Kent.

(37) 3/5/84. ALF threw a brick through a fishmongers window on Cliftonville, Kent. Also slogans were painted on a butchers shop in Margate.

(38) 4/5/84. 12 shops connected with animal abuse had their locks glued by the ALF.

(39) 6/5/84. ALF rescued 20 broiler chicks from a farm at Calverton, Nottinghamshire, slogans were also daubed on the animal sheds. The chicks are now in free range conditions.

(40) 7/5/84. ALF attacked Fox's fur shop; the window was broken. pavement outside was daubed and the shops signs were paint bombed, damage is estimated at £500-£600.

(41) 8/5/84. ALF sprayed vehicles and buidings with slogans belonging to Lee farms Ltd., of Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire.

(42) 10/5/84. ALF rescued 12 hens from a battery farm in Frampton Cotterell, Bristol, Avon. All the hens are now in free range conditions.

(43) 10/5/84. ALF wrecked a gamekeeper's suppliers in Colney Heath, Herefordshire. Equipment was smashed, the office was upturned and slogans painted. The premises belong to Gilbertson & Page.

(44) 12/5/84. The ALF in Zeist, Holland raided the Technological Research Laboratory and liberated 30 beagles.

(45) 15/5/84. ALF wrecked a lorry belonging to Kerstein Poultry, Monier Rd., Bow, East London, Kerstein Poultry are involed in the ritual slaughter meat trade. Damage was estimated at £12,000.

(46) 16/5/84. ALF painted slogans on the windows and doors of the Biology Dept. at Essex University.

(47) 19/5/84. ALF attacked a battery farm belonging to a Mr. Dowker, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire and set light to an empty broiler pheasant house. The house was completely gutted, and usually houses 20,000 pheasants.

(48) 19/5/84. ALF smashed the windows of a butchers in Chelford, Cheshire, damage was estimated at £300.

(49) 21/5/84. ALF attacked the homes of 2 animal abusers. A Dr. Cliff of Boxley Drive West Bridgford, of the Toxicology Dept. at Boots, who had the locks of his home glued, and Dr. Lewis of Chorlworth Rd. West Bridgford, who is the chief vivisector at Boots, had paint stripper poured over his garage and its locks glued.

(50) 23/5/84. ALF raided Salisbury Labs. Ltd. in Salisbury, Wiltshire, and rescued 12 chickens from cramped cages, which were to undergo experiments. The company has links with Porton Down at the time of the attack, also an adjoining laboratory had several thousands pounds worth of damage was caused to equipment.

(51) 26/5/84. ALF daubed " Animal Murders " on the outside wall of the London Hospital Whitechapel, also a window of the administration building of the laboratory had a window smashed with a brick. The hospital is known to carry out experiments on greyhounds.

(52) 26/5/84. ALF set fire to a lorry belonging to Epping Meat International in Bow East LOndon, they are ritual slaughterers.

((53) 27/5/84. ALF rescued 16 mice from Haileybury College, Hertfordshire, where they were to be used as breeding stock for dissection purposes.

During recent years, many members of the Animal Rights movement have been disappointed at the viewpoints held by the RSPCA and the failure of the Society to deal with important areas of the Animal Rights campaign and the whole Animal Rights issue. Now in 1984, it appears that the RSPCA has been given a new lease of life which can only mean an opportunity of life for many animals - the future looks very promising. Saturday 23 June 1984 saw the following motions carried at the Annual General Meeting of the RSPCA:

(1) "If the Government introduce a Bill based on its White Paper 'Scientific Procedures on Living Animals' (Cmnd 8883 May 1983) that this AGM supports a strong campaign to inform the public and the press that the legislation will permit animals to continue to be used for questionable purposes and that severe or enduring pain will continue to be inflicted on them."

(2) "This Society is totally opposed to the exemptions from humane stunning before slaughter included in the 1974 Slaughterhouses Act. The RSPCA believes that all food animals should be stunned prior to slaughter in order to minimise suffering, and will actively campaign through its Branches and through its national membership to have the law altered to this effect."

(3) "This AGM recognises the public concern surrounding the slaughter of food animals by some religions. While condemning the cruelties of ritual slaughter, this AGM recognises that our own methods of slaughter and the whole process of breeding, rearing and transport of animals for food is also responsible for great suffering to animals. This AGM commends to members of society and particularly to RSPCA Council members and staff, the adoption of a humane diet without the consumption of animal products."

(4) "That the Royalty Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals congratulates the London Borough of Islington on its 'Policy Statement on Animal Welfare and Animal Charter', and applauds its efforts since adopting the Charter to put into practice the Charter's recommendations. That the RSPCA Council urges all RSPCA Branches to lobby their local authorities to adopt comprehensive animal rights policies along the lines of those suggested in Islington's Animal Charter."

The RSPCA has opportunities, facilities, support and money that no other organisation possesses, or is ever likely to have. It enjoys a totally unique place in the Animal Rights movement and society as a whole - there is no plan to "take it over" nor "seize it" but simply a concerted effort to bring it into the 1980's. This can only be good news for the animals.

Through the efforts of several people such as Angela Walder, the RSPCA is fast becoming an organisation that is using its vast resources and influence to improve the situation of animals. When the RSPCA is brought into its full maturity, there will no doubt still be aspects not wholly acceptable to many organisations - including the ALF - but if we can achieve a united fighting force made up of the whole spectrum of the movement, it will not be a long fight. The RSPCA, unlike other organisations, is able to put tremendous pressure on Government and other powerful influential bodies that will ensure a response which is now so obviously not forthcoming. 1984 has not been a good year for the animals - ie the BUAV's behaviour towards the ALF and direct action campaign, but the RSPCA AGM more than compensates for this. It is a fact that the animals are benefitting from the new-look RSPCA and will continue to do so from the work put into their future campaigns. Through the RSPCA, the problems that Government has ignored or left society to deal with (the killing of many unwanted animals, educating the young uncontrolled breeding of animals etc), can be pushed back to Government and will effect the support from it; long overdue and badly needed. As the RSPCA position is so unique, this can be done. Please support those who are trying to ensure this evolves, but be very wary of those in the Animal Rights movement who simply see every organisation as potentially political party orientated. You may feel this is simply not possible with the RSPCA (as it has been with other organisations), but whether this is the case or not, damage will occur and the only ones to feel the full force caused by political careerists are the animals. The campaign to change the RSPCA into a dynamic, modern, radical organisation fighting for Animal Rights has been a long, hard and uphill struggle but important changes have already been made. As long as genuine support is given to this campaign, and those who are leading it, the success already in sight can be made a reality.

We would urge all Supporters Group members to join the RSPCA in order that the Society may have a more radical and progressive membership.

BOOK REVIEW:

"ANIMAL TRAPS & TRAPPING" by James Bateman

First published 1971 - Second impression 1982
Publishers: David Charles (Publishers) Ltd, Brunel House, Newton Abbot, Devon

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In this book there are 80 illustrations and diagrams of animal traps, many of which the budding young sadist could easily construct for himself, buy from gun or fishing tackle shops.

There are simple devices like the "brick deadfall trap" which requires only three house bricks and two pieces of twig. This is good for crushing - or partly crushing - mice and small birds. If you require something more sophisticated and pain-inflicting there is a wide range of gin-type steel traps, with and without teeth. There is also a selection of easily-made snares. Indeed, there is something for almost every kind of creature ranging from mice to giraffes. There are traps for pigeons, dunlins, magpies, crows and rooks. Satan himself could not have produced and illustrated a better book than this, whose author was once a South African vivisector and who "was also recently responsible for the mounting of a large exhibition of animal traps at the National Museum of Wales".

It seems you can make an animal trap out of just about anything if you have the mind to: sharpened wood-stakes, rope, glue, wire, sharp steel-spikes.

In strange contrast to all this is a chapter on "The Ethics of Trapping" which strains itself to justify trapping and asks the reader to support the RSPB and the RSPCA, which of course speaks volumes for the author's belief in the efficacy of these organisations.

A touching little sub-chapter in the introduction, entitled "Traps and Research" justifies trapping for research by saying that animals become trap-prone and having "once tasted bait laid in traps, cannot keep away from them".

The book had cost £7.95 when it was bought by the library in 1982, since when, according to the date stamp, it had been read eight times.

In a busy city library this book would have been taken out more frequently, and I have found city library hunting and shooting books go out about once a week on average, so there appears to be a fairly enthusiastic readership for cruelty.

In contrast, there are very few books which put the humane viewpoint forward, and books like Mike Huskisson's "Outfoxed" or Peter Singer's "Animal Liberation" are rarely to be found on library shelves, and will not appear there unless you make a special point of requesting them from the librarian.

If you are not a regular reader, why not pay a visit to your local library or bookshop and see what they've got? You can put leaflets or leave messages in appropriate books. If you think that a book is likely to lead to animal suffering, take it home for safe-keeping on the fire or the compost heap. Dump it in the canal if you like, but don't poison the wildlife or pollute the canal banks.

Reviewing library books is a good pastime for older members of the ALF who find it a bit difficult climbing over laboratory fences, or for busy housewives who can pop into the library when they're out shopping. Why not try it?

(Many thanks to SG members 193/193A for the above review)

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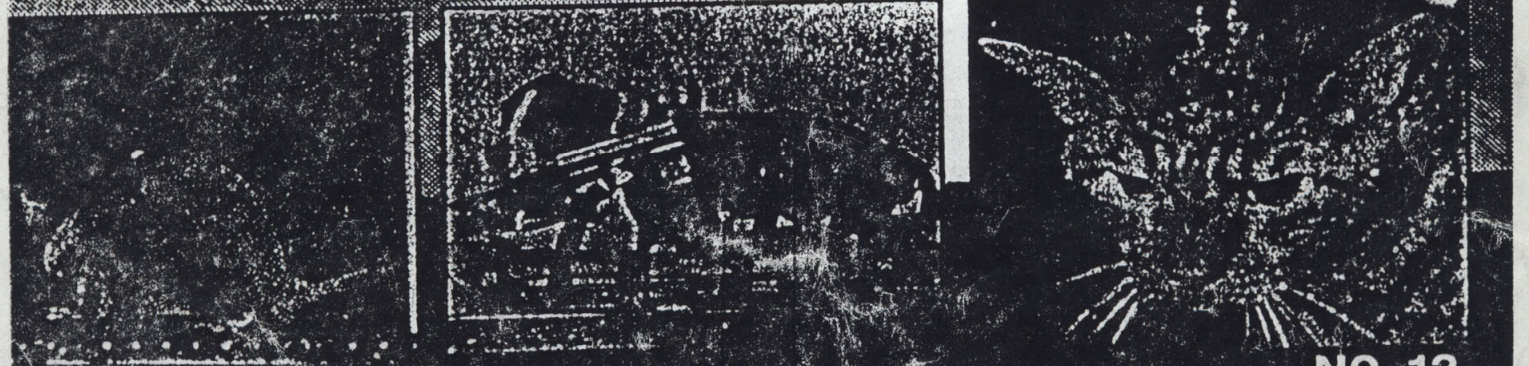
This is war, say animal extremists

12.3.84. (THE NORTHERN ECHO)

By MARK FOSTER

ANIMAL rights extremists yesterday vowed to hammer home their attacks on a top research base.

... the law – claimed it



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ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT SUPPORTERS GROUP BULLETIN

Firstly....

This is the first Supporters Group newsletter to be produced under new editorship. Dave Nicholls founded and ran the SG singlehandedly, up until and including the August newsletter, despite being a diabetic. His seriously deteriorating health, particularly in recent months, has meant that he can no longer continue with his very valuable work. We send him our thanks for all he has done for the animals, with the strong hope that his health will improve.

There have also been other administrative problems in the office of the SG and the Press Office, added to which the size of our mailbag is increasing rapidly, with letters and reports of actions coming in from all over the world. As a result of this, we're behind with the work, so if you've written to us, or sent a donation or whatever, and are wondering why you haven't received a reply yet, please bear with us for just a little while, while we catch up. You'll hear from us soon!

Meanwhile, remember this is <u>your</u> newsletter, so if you've got any suggestions for it, let us know.....

CALLING ALL CARS

AN ANIMAL SANCTUARY IN EAST LONDON URGENTLY NEEDS HELP WITH TRANSPORTING ANIMALS. ANYONE WITH THEIR OWN TRANSPORT, PREFERABLY IN THE EAST LONDON AREA, WHO IS WILLING AND ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE WRITE TO THE SG AND INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER.

The excellent and much needed new 'Direct Action Animal Bulletin' brings together news from all direct action groups for animals - ALF, Hunt saboteurs, Northern Animal Liberation League, sit-ins, demonstrations, everything. It's available from The Animals Shop, c/o 12, Mossley Street, Manchester, M2 3AQ for 20p and a SAE. Ask for details about how you can subscribe regularly, group reductions etc.

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Town backs animal rights

CAMPAIGNING Bishop's Stortford animal rights supporters have carried out an exhaustive opinion poll in the town, interviewing more than 200 local people.

And their poll shows that people want an end to tobacco, alcohol and cosmetic testing and a ban on warfare research.

They support the Animal Liberation Front breaking into laboratories to free animals held there, and also want a ban on whaling, seal culling and bloodsports.

They prefer free range products, even if they cost more, and want factory farming phased out.

Bishop's Stortford animal rights campaigner Taggart King said new legislation on animal experiments was a backward step. It was not banning alcohol, tobacco, cosmetic or warfare experiments.

He added: "The hunting fraternity continually claim in the popular press that they have all the popular support and the anti-bloodsports lobby is a noisy minority. As can be seen from the poll, this is a downright lie and the public have seen through hunters' excuses and fairy stories.

"The public do not want to accept food produced by factory farms in disgusting, filthy, cramped and disease-ridden units.

He added: "It is refreshing to see that the Animal Liberation Front has what amounts to public permission to continue its campaigns to release animals."

Poll results

Sample of 200 people

Figures in percentages

- Do you agree with weapons testing on animals? — NO, 91.
- Do you agree with alcohol and tobacco testing? — NO, 76.
- Would you prefer tested or untested cosmetic? — UNTESTED, 78.
- Do you approve of disapprove of the ALF breaking into labs to free animals? — APPROVE, 46. DISAPPROVE, 38.
- Do you approve of foxhunting? — NO, 83.
- Do you approve of staghunting? — NO, 88.
- Do you approve of hare coursing? — NO, 89.
- Do you approve of angling? — NO, 35.
- Do you approve of seal culling? — NO, 90.
- Do you approve of whaling? — NO, 89.
- Do you approve of bullfighting? — NO, 95.
- Would you prefer free range foods given a choice? — YES, 71.
- Would you like factory farming to be phased out even if food cost a bit more? — YES, 81.

Bishop Stortford Gazette & Herts 14th Sept 89

We urgently need the help of people who are skilled in motor vehicle repair and maintenance and who have a fair amount of spare time. Please write to us if you think you can help and please include your phone number.

Local Advertiser Series 20th September 89

Animal lab attack

AN arson attack on the Clare Hall Animal Research Establishment, South Mimms, last week caused £500 worth of damage. A phone call was later received by Potters Bar Police claiming responsibility from the self styled Animal Liberation Front.

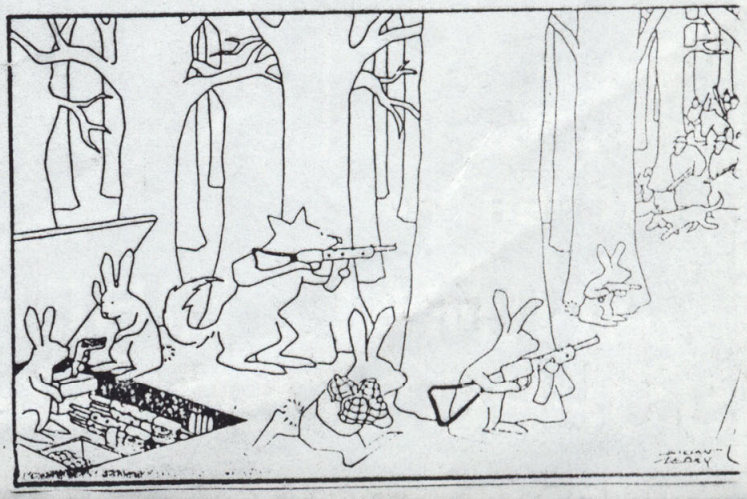
The attack came last Wednesday evening (September 12) between 5.30 and 8.30. Heavy wire cutters were used to breach the outside fence and then office windows leading to the animal breeding block were smashed with a sledge hammer. Petrol soaked rags and two fuel cans were then thrown in followed by two flaming torches made from a broom handle cut in half.

The fire failed to take hold and all the materials used in the raid including the hammer and cutters were recovered intact by the police.

Today we were unlucky, but remember we have only to be lucky once, you will have to be lucky always. Give the animals peace and there will be no more war.

With apologies to P. O'Neill.

'Vivisection' by Sue Coe is a new postcard, produced by Artists for Animals to sell in aid of the ALF. The postcards are available for 15p each and a SAE. (A 13p stamp is adequate for up to ten cards, 18p stamp for up to 20 and so on.)



ALF RAID AT ROYAL NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, STANMORE, MIDDLESEX ON 2ND JUNE 1984

We had some sketchy information that the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital at Stanmore in Middlesex was using a number of goats in bone graft experiments. An initial inspection located the goat compound which was surrounded by a high wooden fence with a padlocked gate. The compound was on the edge of the hospital grounds, and there were many other buildings around it, including the hospital social club and a nurses home. There was probably some sort of security patrol at night, although we were never able to confirm this on future visits.

Fortunately, the approach was fairly obvious. Major building work was starting on ground behind the hospital and contractors with earth-moving equipment were clearing the ground. It was necessary to use a large van if we were going to get away with the 12 goats we had homes for. About one mile behind the hospital was the contractors site entrance, protected by a strong gate, chained and padlocked at night with one of the biggest padlocks we had ever seen. A rubble road ran ¾ of a mile toward the hospital, which meant that we could get the van only ¼ of a mile away if we could get the gate open. After further visits to the site, we set a date.

15 activists were needed for the large number of goats to be liberated. 12 arrived just after midnight and parked their vehicles nearby. 10 of them then assembled at the end of the rubble road inside the contractors site whilst 2 tackled the gate. As this was immediately next to a motorway slip road, which was busy and well-lit, it was not a task for those with a nervous disposition. Wielding a 5-foot long set of bolt cutters, they set to work on the chain. It was necessary to jump up and down on the handles to put enough pressure on to cut the chain, whilst looking nonchalant if a car went past - not an easy task. Eventually the chain parted and they retreated to a dark spot to await the van. This arrived right on time, was let in and the gates closed behind it with the chain positioned so that it looked intact to a casual inspection. The van then moved down the rubble road until it reached the other activists. The whole party then moved up to within 200 yards of the hospital.

Four activists then went forward, cutting 2 fences to get right up to the goat compound. We were horrified to see that a caravan was now parked only 30 yards away, with a car and 2 mopeds beside it, meaning that it was probably occupied. Even more worrying was an object that appeared to be revolving on the roof - was this some sort of security scanner? We lay there for 15 minutes, studying the caravan from various angles. Eventually one activist went slowly up to the caravan and looked in. There appeared to be people in sleeping bags in there. The 'security scanner' turned out to be a childs coloured balloon on a string tied to the door handle - the breeze was making it revolve in a circle above the caravan roof!! Despite this comical relief, we would have to be very quiet if we were not to disturb the occupants of the caravan.

The padlock on the compound door was cut and the other activists were brought up. Four of us went into the compound with leads for the goats. About 16 were housed in a wire cage inside the compound. Quickly we slipped leads over the first 4, took them outside and handed them over to other activists before returning for more. The goats varied in size from kids, which were fairly easy to handle, to full-grown goats that were very difficult to control. At one point the whole lot made a dash for the gate and we only just closed it in time to prevent a wild stampede through the hospital grounds!

With 12 goats on leads, we quietly left the compound area. Some of the animals were proving very difficult to control, refusing absolutely to move. Despite much pushing and shoving, we were only able to get 8 back to the van, the other 4 sadly refusing to move. They were left grazing in a field, with at least one night of freedom. We tried everything, including attempting to carry them, but they were too heavy. With the 8 packed in the van and tethered, it moved off back to the gate and out onto the road where it successfully reached the safe homes for the goats. The other activists made their way back to their cars, still thinking about the 4 goats we had to leave behind, although we were pleased that 8 had now been liberated and would be able to live a long and happy life in their new homes.

A.L.F.

Santa Claus in dawn raid on turkey farm

Liverpool Daily Post 3 Sep 84

by Daily Post Reporters

AN ANIMAL rights leader last night told how he dressed as Santa Claus to rescue birds being fattened for Christmas, at a Merseyside turkey farm.

The man, who refused to be named, went with 15 other members — dressed in camouflage gear and balaclava helmets — to carry out a dawn raid at White Gates farm, Spurriers Lane, Melling, yesterday.

After breaking into rearing sheds, the raiders escaped with 42 birds — which they claim were being kept in poor conditions.

The raid is the first the Merseyside Cell of the Animal Liberation Front has carried out on a Turkey farm, and the leader said it had been planned for some time.

"We have had that particular farm under surveillance for months now because it is the biggest factory-farm complex on Merseyside.

"I was wearing a father christmas outfit, and we carried them away in sacks."

"They're now at a sanctuary in North Wales, where they are being kept in free-range conditions," the man added.

And he warned there would be more raids: "We are getting a lot of public support and sympathy, so we can step up our campaign and hit these places even harder."

Merseyside police are investigating.

Last night farm owner Mr Ted Webster angrily denied the allegations, threatening to take legal action.

"If this man would care to come out from behind his anonymity and put his allegations to me in public, I will serve an action for slander on him.

"I'm inviting the 'Daily Post' and anyone else to visit this site and see for themselves the sheds these criminals claim to have taken birds from," he said.



'Father Christmas' rescuer

the enemy within

MORE TRAITORS EXPOSED

PLEASE CONTINUE TO LET US KNOW
ABOUT FIFTH COLUMNISTS.

Group is appalled

I WRITE to express the strongest support for your editorial, "Rights and wrongs of animal behaviour".

We in Medway Animal Rights Group are appalled at what has happened. Especially appalling is the spectre that those who have given us moral and financial support in the past will feel so let down.

In this context, we are especially mindful of the meticulously fair coverage we have received from the Evening Post.

We believe, although it may be difficult to prove, that this incident was as much an attack on our group for its moderate tactics, as on the unfortunate shop owners. – Dawson Walker, Press Officer, Medway Animal Rights Group.

Evening Post 21 August 84

concerned w... [illegible] protecting dogs a... [illegible] disease."

And yesterday Bromley RSPCA condemned the ALF attack as criminal violence.

Bromley Times 13 Sept 84

LOSING SYMPATHY

Chairman Miss Florence Bagnell said: "We entirely disapprove of their methods. I think they are turning the public against their cause. People don't like violence in any shape or form.

"The RSPCA recognises that for medical research purposes, some animal research experiments are necessary. We are trying to change things through peaceful methods."

Last Saturday's raid was the 16th attack on Wellcome workers.

Just last month Nobel prize winner Sir John Vane's home was daubed with slogans by ALF.

And 12 months ago Mr Scarnell's home was attacked for the first time.

Now Wellcome bosses fear ALF extremists may have stolen a top secret hit-list of key staff addresses.

A spokesman said: "It is possible that they do have a list, but it would be fairly old, from a time before our security was tightened. And it would not have been obtained by legal means."

Violence is not our creed

I WAS dismayed to read in Thursday's Evening Post that members of an animal rights group were "believed" to be responsible for an attack on butchers' shops in Gillingham High Street the previous night.

The Medway Animal Rights Group has been campaigning for the last ten months against all forms of animal abuse.

The group strongly believes that peaceful demonstrations leafleting and fund-raising are the most effective ways of creating public awareness of the many forms of mistreatment that animals suffer.

Violent action of the type that took place in Gillingham last Wednesday can only serve to miscontrue the true objectives of the campaign for animal rights. – D. J. Pearce, Georgian Way, Wigmore, Gillingham.

Evening Post 21 Aug 84

Animal Rights hit shops

Wrexham police are stepping up their investigations into animal rights groups after another spate of attacks on town butcher's shops this week.

Two windows at Dewhursts in Regent Street, Wrexham, were smashed on Monday night and staff who came to open up at Baxters and Iceland on Tuesday morning found glue in the locks.

The attacks follow incidents last week when ballbearings were fired through butcher's windows in Garden Village and Rhosddu, when police found stickers left by the Animal Liberation Front.

A police spokesman said they had no firm evidence to link the incidents but they would be questioning animal rights activists.

Superintendent Derrick Roberts said: "Their activities in the past have been confined to spraying paint and putting glue in locks but we take a very serious view indeed of the sort of criminal damage to windows, which in each case, amounts to several hundred pounds."

Mr Roy Welbourn whose shop window in Garden Village was shattered by a ballbearing fired from a catapult, said that the people who did this sort of thing were sick.

"If they have something to say they should tell me to my face, not go round shooting at people's windows," he said. "These people are not proving anything by doing this sort of thing. They are just sick people with nothing better to do."

Animal rights protesters recently claimed to have saved the lives of hundreds of grouse destined for slaughter as the shooting season began on Llandegla moors. An anonymous caller claiming to speak for the Animal Liberation Front claimed that nine butts had been destroyed by the group.

"It is part of a protest all over the country against grouse shooting," he said.

A spokeswoman for Wrexham Animal Rights said she was shocked at the recent attacks in the town and wished to disassociate herself from the Animal Liberation Front.

"I am sick of the whole thing," she said. "This is not the way to get people on our side. It is just the wrong way of going about things and does nothing to help our cause. We believe in peaceful protest."

Wrexham Leader 24 Aug 84

Police move in after abattoir paint attack

... the meat storage depot across the road.

The Evening Argus received an anonymous call last night claiming responsibility on behalf of the Animal Liberation Front.

Today's demonstration was organised by a separate group, Animal Aid. Before it started they strongly condemned the attack on the abattoir.

A hoax ... [illegible]

Mr Gold said the attackers were "brainless idiots" who had spoiled the demonstration.

Such attacks were against the principles of Animal Aid, he said.

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After leaving the abattoir ...

Mark Gold is National organiser for Animal Aid.

Animal cruelty claim 'rubbish'

CLAIMS by Bradford University that students are not involved in vivisection have been slammed as "rubbish" by the Animal Liberation Front.

The group says it has concrete evidence that students have used animals in cruel experiments and their threats still stand.

This means the six students' cars and homes are open to vandalism and destruction by the extremist group.

While the university refused to sway from its statement that students had viewed video tapes before writing their threats, an ALF spokesman said: "There is no doubt at all they have cruelly treated and killed animals in experiments at the university.

Frighten

"Unless they approach us with a written undertaking that they will never again use animals in experiments they are in line for attack."

The Bradford Animal Rights Group, which last month held protests outside the university against its use of animals in experiments, slammed ALF for using "schoolboy tactics".

A spokeswoman for the group said it was not associated with ALF and in no way condoned its actions.

"This action is totally counter-productive," she said. "The ALF is being dramatic and is serving only to frighten and alienate the public and bring disrepute to other animal rights groups.

"We are surprised and puzzled that the group has resorted to this action when it has carried out intelligent campaigns in the past which have succeeded in saving animals from experimentation."

A spokesman for Bradford police said the matter was being investigated.

Bradford Telegraph and Argus. August 84.

MINDLESS DAUBING IS NOT OUR WORK

I WRITE on behalf of Medway Animal Rights Group to disassociate ourselves officially in the strongest possible terms from the mindless vandalism perpetrated on butchers' shops in Gillingham High Street recently.

The group has been campaigning peacefully for animal welfare for almost a year now and we have received tremendous moral and financial support from the people of Medway, for which we are most grateful.

It would indeed be tragic if this pointless act served to damage that goodwill. We wish to make it very clear that we are not the "Animal Liberation Group" attributed with a previous incident.

Those responsible for such silly acts should realise that they do the cause of animal welfare in general, and the animal rights movement in particular, no service whatsoever.

D. WALKER,
Press Officer,
Medway Animal Rights Group.
Lakewood Drive,
Wigmore.

Chatham, Rochester and Gillingham News. 24th August 84.

RSPCA

The item about the RSPCA in the last newsletter could well be dangerous in that it fosters the idea that the RSPCA is the 'big white hope' for the animals.

Yes, it would be nice if the RSPCA's vast resources were put to better use as regards the protection of animals and I see no harm in people joining the society in order to try to improve it.

But it will not be through the RSPCA that animal liberation will be achieved but through the actions of ordinary people. We do not need the RSPCA to put pressure on the Government to end animal abuse because with sufficient action and efficient organisation we can end animal abuse with our own hands without reference to any governments.

By all means try to improve the RSPCA but never forget that true animal and human liberation will not come by means of negotiations with governments but only through their abolition.

R.L.

THE ALF IN FRANCE

An interview with a member of Le Front Liberation de l'Animal.

When did the FLA start?

It started in June 84.

Why have you started taking direct action?

Because I realised that even the few things done in France for the animals were undertaken by the means of leaflets, lectures, writings to politicians and a few demonstrations and up to now this militantism has led nowhere and animals are more and more suffering in more and more numerous torture centres. Let's have a look at the militantism for the human rights issue. We can see that nothing has been achieved to abolish torture for instance. Slavery and other big diseases of our civilizations have not been diminished by the way of legal and peaceful attitude. Nothing positive for mankind has been achieved through ordinary militantism, so why should we follow the same attitude, all the more as animals can be rescued from torture and as humans think animals are inferior to mankind and so won't lift a finger for them. Mankind is far too busy to worry about 'inferior' species because of unemployment, threat of war, insecurity, social and family problems. Mankind is also ill - ill of selfishness, proudness, greed and as a master race, enjoys and allows torture. The worst thing that could happen to animals is that a species believes it is superior to others. This pretention allows all abuse.
Direct action is worth being increased because animal abusers feel secure and go on exploiting animals while some people are holding banners and informing the uninterested and insensitive general public. Animal killers and other same narrow-minded people have to be frightened and scared. Even <u>if</u> they <u>could</u> understand, they would not change because they are living upon animal abuse business. The best way to make them stop exterminating animals is to hit where they can really suffer - to hit their business so as to destroy their repulsive work or disgusting attitude to animals and to ruin them! Direct action is not a fashion, it is not a way of killing boredom, inactivity, frustration or anything else. It is not a hobby or a pleasure, but a <u>necessity</u> for the animals and.....for the animal abusers!

Is it difficult getting other people involved in direct action in France?

Yes it is. Indeed for the few people campaigning against cruelty to animals, most of them don't believe it is necessary to go so far and to get so strongly involved for the animals. I wonder them if they consider their action as a hobby or what! People may also be afraid of the repression of the French police (a very organised and efficient one!). Maybe repression is so structured and intensive because of the terrorism and vandalism which is hitting the French society. Maybe animals campaigners are afraid to be involved because they don't want to be considered as 'fanatical animal lovers' trespassing the law for the sake of pets! In this case it would show their very little concern for animals.

What kind of actions have you taken so far?

Action well planned to break in a lab. in a Paris university where we rescued frogs and pigeons and damaged paperwork and equipment. We're also campaigning against the meat trade by burning butchers shop awnings, by breaking butchers shop windows, by gluing locks and painting slogans on these shops, by smashing meat lorries windscreens and slashing their tyres.



FRONT DE LIBÉRATION DE L'ANIMAL

BUTS :

Notre but à long terme est d'abolir totalement l'exploitation des animaux par les êtres humains. Dans l'immédiat nous espérons sauver le plus possible d'animaux de la souffrance.

METHODES :

Notre méthode est l'ACTION DIRECTE qui se présente sous deux formes souvent combinées en une seule action :

— SAUVER les ANIMAUX des établissements où ils sont ou seront victimes de souffrances. Ces animaux sont soit relachés dans la nature s'ils ont une grande chance de survie, soit placés dans des lieux sûrs.

— DETRUIRE ou ENDOMMAGER le matériel, les propriétés et les établissements appartenant à ceux qui sont responsables de persécuter les animaux. Ceci afin d'empêcher la souffrance à d'autres animaux et afin de leur couser une perte financière importante et éventuellement les ruiner.

RESPECT DE TOUTE VIE :

Dans toutes les actions, nous prenons le plus grand soin pour qu'aucune vie animale ou humaine ne soit en danger.

F.L.A.



How do you see the FLA going from here?

We plan actions towards <u>all</u> animal abuse issues. The success of our campaign will depend on *a)* the number of people involved and *b)* their <u>radicalism</u> and <u>energy</u> to smash animal exploitation. We must destroy the animal abuse system before it destroys all non-human living creatures on earth.

Are you scared of going to prison?

Yes I am and it depends also on the seriousness of the penalty. You must be conscious you may go to prison for this kind of action and that's why you must plan and organize things so as to have the minimum of risks. Police, for what we are trying to achieve, is, like the animal abusers, another enemy. Going to prison may be tragic for some people, anyway it is never pleasant for anybody. Nobody wants to be jailed, because we fight for freedom and respect for animals and we would be deprived of these two basic needs. But, above all, we must destroy the animal exploitation and it is this necessity which will allow us to continue our action in whatever conditions. Even if we don't see the end, or if there's no hope we will continue our fight!

Is there much awareness of the animal rights issue in France?

There is much less awareness of the animal rights here than in other European countries such as the UK, Germany, Holland and the USA for instance. In France public rarely hears of the term 'animal rights' except via a 'League for the Animal Rights', a very legal organization run by respectable and powerless animal welfarists. 'Animal Liberation' is a term completely unknown to the public. Only a minority of animal campaigners use this term sometimes. 'Animal welfare', 'protection' and sometimes 'defence' are the terms used by the societies campaigning for animals. The public awareness is centralized on vivisection, pet misery and bullfighting above all, but who has ever strongly denounced and done anything against intensive farming, the fur trade and the meat-eating society? Only a sort of CIWF is campaigning to get better conditions for the 'rearing' and 'slaughtering' of 'cattle'. It does not promote vegetarianism at all and our vegetarian society is run by elderly and although they are vegetarians for moral reasons they've got no audience or power. Vegetarians in France are considered as a sort of sect, as a sort of people living in clouds, funny people if I can say. A few animal rights campaigners are struggling around Paris to alright all the issues of animal abuse but at the moment in France everything is legal for the defence of animals, so then will stay animal abuse!

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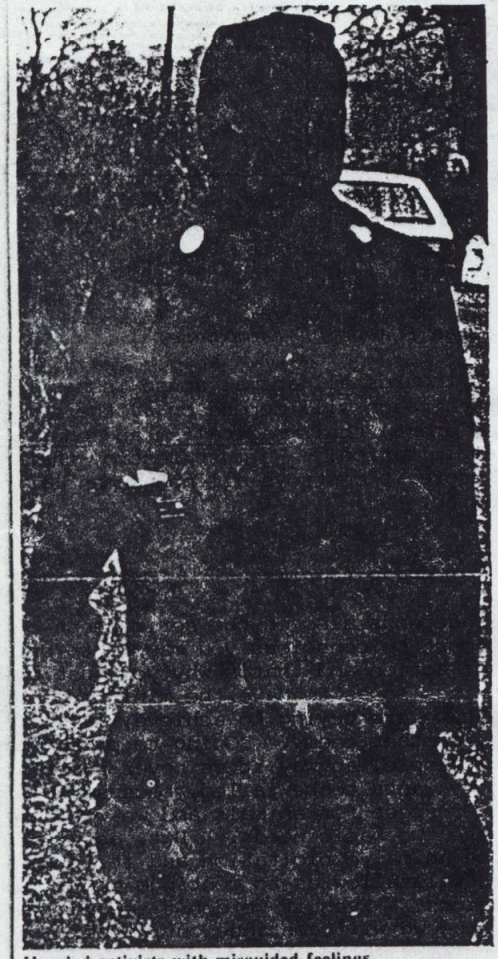
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Animal welfare groups increase their attacks on the trade

STOP THESE IDIOTS NOW



Hooded activists with misguided feelings

Meat Traders across the country are coming under increasing attack from madcap animal rights groups who are threatening the butcher's livelihood.

In recent months the actions of groups like the Animal Liberation Front have grown in number and severity.

Now the Meat Trades Journal is throwing a lifeline to butchers and meat traders in Britain who are under seige from the lunatic fringe.

The Journal wants the trade's help to compile a confidential dossier of attacks on traders across the country in a bid to crack down on the threat to the industry.

A main part of the problem in the past has been the ability of animal rights groups to openly flout the law without fear of reprisals.

SHOTGUN

In recent weeks thousands of pounds worth of damage have been caused to shops warehouses and abattoirs, shops have been closed by scares of bleach-covered meat on display and Warwichshire butcher Jack Harris has been forced to protect his shop at night with a shotgun and guard dog.

Animal Libration Front activists video taped themselves breaking into a research establishment at the weekend and then had the tape screened on national television news, with a spokesman defending the actions on the air.

The hands of the police appear to be tied when groups such as this can openly break and flout the law. And it gives the groups a kind of Robin Hood mystique to law breaking that can only cause more problems in the long run.

Now the Journal wants tougher action to protect the trade from these lawbreakers before their activities lead to a tragedy.

But to do so, we must be able to convince the Home Office of the seriousness of the situation.

And to do that, we need facts.

Until now animal activists have been able to carry out their illegal wrecking without the fear of a nationally co-ordinated watchdog compiling evidence against them.

Now the Journal is setting up just such a scheme — in complete confidence.

Traders already contacted by the Journal have expressed two fears over the scheme.

One, that by publicising such activities, we would give the law breakers the publicity they seek and, two, that traders whose businesses had been attacked would suffer if the public were to find out and avoid shopping there.

The Journal pledges complete confidentiality to any trader telephones or writes to us who with information about these attacks as and when they occur.

Information for inclusion in the dossier can either be telephoned to the Journal on 01-253-9355, or sent by post to our office at 93-99 Goswell Road, London, EC1 7QA.

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The Journal launches fact-finding dossier

Strictly confidential

THE Journal's fact-finding phone line is a strictly confidential service we intend as a service to the trade.

The phone lines will be manned from 9.30 to 5pm Monday to Friday.

The number of the MTJ phone line is 01-253 9355, extension 218.

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My first ALF raid

My first ALF raid took place at Devis, a slaughterhouse in Great Bridge, Tipton, West Midlands, at the end of April 1984. In 3 days I lost 3lbs in weight (and I'm not very heavy to start with).

Two members of the group had visited the premises a few days previously and had drawn up a map, so I knew what to expect. The first obstacle was to jump over a wall, being careful to avoid a spiked fence on the other side.

We then put on our masks and I was surprised to see how terrifying the other members of the group looked.

One house, which was in darkness, was quite close and I couldn't help feeling that we were being watched - fortunately we weren't!

Cautiously going down a steep embankment was next, then a 20 yard walk along the railway line and then on hands and knees up the opposite embankment (which was floodlit). Then a quick walk to the back of the premises, still feeling very exposed, and we encountered a problem. Our wire cutters wouldn't touch the coils of barbed wire which ran along the top of the wall we needed to scale. However, someone up there was on our side as a ladder had very kindly been left, for which we were all very grateful.

Leaving a look-out on the roof, the rest of us dropped down into the floodlit compound. My nerves disappeared. There were 4 large refridgerated lorries and 2 smaller ones.

It didn't take long to find out which little hole the sugar went into and meanwhile other members snipped every wire in (and out of) site. In a few minutes we'd done a lot of damage.

Taking a different route out, we drove home feeling quite elated. Every day many animals died in that compound, so that people could have corpse on their plates.

Since that first raid, I've taken part in several ALF 'visits'. Inevitably, the more you do, the more experienced you become.

Our group have found that:- sugar in tanks, cut all pipes and wires, paint-stripper bodywork, bend or snap windscreen wipers and ariels, grinding paste in engine (if possible), glue up locks, spray ALF and turn off refridgerators is a good order to do things in.

Our small group is made up of very ordinary people. We think and plan carefully, but if we can do it, anyone can and let's face it, there's no shortage of targets.

ALF

ON VIOLENCE

"WHAT IS GOING TO BE DONE? We anti-vivisectionists must wake up! There must be violence on our part, even unto death - there seems no other way..... An overwhelming effort should be made - and made now! I repeat - WHAT IS GOING TO BE DONE?"

Marie Dreyfus 'Animals Champion'
December 1954/February 1955

We can no longer afford to sweep the issue of violence under the carpet. This subject has never been properly debated or discussed within the movement and it is high time it was.

The animal rights movement has up to now been largely non-violent (except in so far as it has evoked the violence of state legislation against animal abuse) - and has had as its 'heroes' people such as Ghandi and Martin Luther King.

To my mind this preoccupation with 'non-violence' has a lot to do with the middle class origins of most of the people in the movement. The middle class traditionally don't like to get personally involved in violence. They would rather that others (usually the forces of the state) carried out their violence for them.

I feel that this obsession with non-violence, the 'worship' of Ghandi, the links with the Peace movement are having a very harmful effect on the animal liberation movement.

Total pacifism is an immoral philosophy. There are times when violence has to be used to prevent a greater evil and to refrain from carrying out that necessary violence in the name of some half-baked pacifist ideology is to be almost (if not equally) responsible for the greater evil that is thereby allowed to take place. We are not just responsible for our actions - we are responsible for our omissions also, for our failures to act (and to act violently if that is what is called for!) and it is high time the 'pacifists' realised this.

Violence is a dangerous tactic and can so easily backfire, doing more harm than good to a cause. The IRA, for instance, have demonstrated this with their callous and unintelligent use of bombings and shootings. Nevertheless, there is a place for violence and to deny its use to the movement when necessary is to demand that we should fight this difficult struggle with one hand tied behind our backs.

Pacifism attempts to appeal to the 'better nature' of the opposition. But what happens when those who oppose us have no 'better natures'. Hunt thugs do not suddenly see the light and refrain from attacking non-violent hunt saboteurs. On the contrary, they go in even harder, deliberately picking on the weakest and the most peaceful.

Violence is the only language many of these people understand. This may be a hard home truth for the pacifist ideologues of the movement to understand but it is a home truth nevertheless. And after having spent 10 active years in the hunt saboteurs, I can vouch that it is sadly the case. The large-scale 'non-violence' of the hunt saboteurs has led to HSA members running away or standing watching while the slowest or weakest are set upon by the terrier men. But when the hunt sabs. have stood united to give the hunt thugs measure for measure, it is almost invariably the bloodsporters who have fled from the conflict. A bully is always a coward. And the best way to deal with bullies is to give them a damn good hiding.

I am not, in any way, advocating mass violence by the animal liberation movement. I think that such tactics could well be very dangerous. The Animal Liberation Front and other direct action groups have had a great deal of success with militant actions which do not involve personal violence and I would say that what the movement needs is a massive increase in ALF-style actions rather than outbursts of violence.

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Nevertheless we are faced with the problem of what to do when the enemy react violently to actions which we carry out against them. The hunt saboteurs already have this problem with hunt thugs and I predict that more and more animal abusers are going to react violently as their profits fall and their animal persecution businesses begin to crumble in the face of the animal liberation onslaught. Already butchers are waiting in their shops with shotguns to shoot ALF activists and within the last year members of an ALF group were shot at by a poultry farmer during a raid. And what will happen when the under-siege animal abusers begin to take revenge willy-nilly on animal rights campaigners (when will societies learn not to publish the addresses of their local contacts?) for the actions of the militants? We will be faced with a stark choice. Either we do not carry out actions against animal abusers who react violently or we show them that we can be more violent than they are.

To me, the second choice is the only acceptable one. It would be totally wrong to refrain from raiding a premisis because the proprieter is likely to come out with a shotgun or to respond with violence. Why should it only be the least vicious of the animal abusers who get attacked while the more vicious get away with it because of their very viciousness?

If the animal abusers are going to use weapons - then in order to save the animals, animal liberationists may have to go armed with at least equivalent weapons. And animal abusers must be shown that if they violently attack animal liberation campaigners then they will be given double back.

This is not to say that the ALF should itself use personal violence. For tactical reasons I feel that it is best that the ALF retains its current policy on these matters (in the same way that for tactical reasons organisations like the BUAV and CIWF remain within the law). However, there is nothing to stop fresh groups being set up under new names whose policies do not preclude the use of violence towards animal abusers.

This item may shock many people but it's about time somebody did some straight talking on the subject of violence. Animal liberation will not be achieved if we treat the struggle for it as a social club or a garden party. Only an all out war, fought with intelligent tactics, can offer the animals any hope of freedom.

Human imperialism, deeply entrenched after tens of thousands of years of animal persecution will not be defeated by petitions, peaceful posturing or the holding of hands round slaughterhouses. People who make vast profits and a 'good life' out of animal abuse will not give up their businesses without a hard and bitter struggle.

There will be injuries and possibly deaths on both sides before our ultimate victory for animal liberation is achieved. This is sad but certain. For, unfortunately, we live in the world of harsh reality and not in Fairyland.

If you want to play games then try Monopoly or Snakes and Ladders. Animal liberation is not a hobby or a part-time pastime but a fierce struggle that demands total commitment - if the animals are ever to be free. And if any animal dies in agony because we have failed, through ridiculous ideology, to use adequate force against its torturers then we are ourselves responsible for that creatures torment.

R.L.

"Let ten people meet who are resolved on the lightning of violence rather than the agony of survival: from this moment, despair ends and tactics begin."

Raoul Vaneigem
('The Revolution of Everyday Life')

coventry blitz.

Coventry ALF are a newly formed unit (3 months). In the month of August we set ourselves a target of carrying out 31 separate pieces of direct action. We did this in order to show animal rights activists that there is nothing 'professional' about doing direct action and that all you need is a lot of common sense and the will to actually do something to fight animal abuse. We mainly concentrated on smashing butchers windows as we found this a very simple and most effective way of hurting the bastards where they feel it most - in the fat bulge of his/her bank account. We have worked out that we have smashed more than 50 windows, all in Coventry. One window actually cost £3,000 and was not even insured (as a result of the insurance premiums being so high).

'Animal protesters' hit butchers again

Coventry Evening Telegraph 4 Sept 84

THREE butcher's shops and a freezer centre in Coventry had windows smashed last night by people claiming to be animal rights campaigners.

It was the eighth attack in six months for one of the shops.

The trail of destruction started just after 10 pm.

The vandals' first target was John Taylor's family butcher shop in Newcombe Road. Mr Taylor's shop already has its front windows protected with wire mesh after seven previous attacks.

Last night, a side window was smashed. And today, Mr Taylor said guards would be put on all windows.

Customers had even offered to mount overnight watches, he said.

He said: "I'm exceptionally angry. It's essential that these people are caught. Why should some idiots who don't like meat dictate to the rest of the population.?"

At Finch's Freezer Centre in Northfield Road, Gosford Green, a large plate-glass window worth £3,000 was smashed.

Owner Basil Finch said: "It wasn't even insured because I couldn't afford the insurance on it. I'd like to get my hands on some of these people."

The other two targets were Drages Butchers in Empress Buildings, Binley Road, where a 12ft by 5ft wide front window was wrecked, and Brindley's in Foleshill Road, where the damage is estimated at about £400.

Today, the *Evening Telegraph* received a telephone call from someone claiming to represent the Animal Liberation Front, saying they were responsible.

The butchers, some of whom fear continued attacks could threaten their businesses, plan to debate the situation at a meeting of the Coventry Meat Traders' Association tomorrow night.

The bastards are getting really paranoid now and they have actually called an emergency meeting to try to find a way to stop us. One butcher has had his windows smashed 6 times and his carnivorous customers have volunteered to keep watch all night.

For more than a hundred years the animal rights movement has tried in vain to protest through all legal channels to fight animal abusers, but the abuse of animals has actually increased. It is only in the last decade or so that we are now getting a positive result because of the phenomenal increase of direct action. We now pose an actual threat to all those who profit from the torture, maiming and the slaughter of millions of innocent animals. We plead with all ALF supporters to start carrying out direct action in their own local areas. The amount of direct action now taken place in our locality is unprecedented. It is not just activists from our small unit either. Others are now realising that they no longer have any choice as to whether to 'smash or not to smash'. It is the moral duty to do so. I quote from a previous newsletter - if not you, who? if not now, when?'.

COVENTRY ALF.

Butcher's gun vigil to catch protesters

A Midland butcher is sitting with a shotgun in his shop after animal rights protesters threatened to repeat a night-time attack.

Mr. Jack Harris, owner of Harris the Butcher, in High Street, Henley-in-Arden, has armed himself with a double-barrel shotgun and is sleeping on a camp bed with his guard dog Shep by his side.

Animal liberationists struck at his shop two nights ago (Thursday) smashing the plate glass display window at the front of the shop. It has cost £135 to replace.

Since then, 50-year-old Mr. Harris has been camping in the shop and vowed today: "If the protestors return, they'll be looking down the barrels of a shotgun."

Windows

The attack was one of a series carried out that night. The protestors smashed windows at Bryan Spendlow the Butchersin High Street, Henley-in-Arden, The Leather Shop and MacDonalds in High Street, Stratford, and Peebles the Butcher, in High Street, Shipston-on-Stour.

The letters ALF — Animal Liberation Front — were sprayed on the window of Mr. George Peebles shop and the locks on the front door had been glued up. The door had to be taken off its hinges to gain entry.

Vigilant

Insp. George Skudder of Stratford Police said: "The damage to windows seems to have been caused by an air gun. The Animal Liberation Front have claimed responsibility for the attacks and have threatened to strike again in the area.



Butcher Jack Harris and his dog, Shep, ready to beat off protest attacks.

Birmingham Evening Mail 11-5-84

Pip Griffin, Press Officer for Thanet Animal Rights ran in the Thanet Marathon, and he was sponsored to raise funds for the SG.....Peter Wilde, a member of the SG from Croydon did a sponsored parachute jump for the SG.....our thanks to both.

Mass Release of Mink

(THE OTHER POINT OF VIEW)

Following the article 'Mink Liberation - The Myths and the Facts' by Ralph Cook in the August newsletter, we are now printing this reply from Julie Weston. Correspondence on this issue is still open and we will be pleased to receive comments on either of the articles.

As an active animal liberator of many years standing , I am very distressed to note the ever increasing number of mink being released 'en masse' into the wild. I am not a speciesist and have and will liberate any creatures from goats and stick insects to dogs, fish and rabbits. Also, for many years I enjoyed the company of polecat ferrets, one of the closest domestic relatives of the mink - I found them clean, lovable and very intelligent. So I speak not as one who dislikes or distrusts mink but as a fellow animal rightist who abhors the appalling exploitation that they suffer.

Why then am I so anti these mass releases, which are becoming regular events now? Firstly, may I explain that I have had many years experience in the rehabilitation and release of most species of British wildlife. When it comes to the release of a member of the carnivora order, great care has to be taken if unnecessary suffering, the like of which we are all opposed to, is to be avoided, not only to the prey species who suffer unspeakable agonies when mutilated by an inexperienced predator, but to the released creature itself.

May I therefore ask readers to refer to the August issue mink article and bear with me whilst I put the other points of view? In order to save space and avoid repetition I will give each of the previous articles' paragraphs a number and use this as a heading to my comments.

Paragraph 1.
Agreed.

Paragraph 2.
To fox-proof poultry runs is relatively simple. Rat-proofing is a different matter and most places a rat can get a mink can also. However, due to their natural fear of man, mink, like foxes, badgers etc. will usually avoid taking domestic prey. It is the released mink who know nothing of a natural diet and who have often been used to being fed on chicken, understandably go straight for domestic prey, wiping out aviary birds, rescued wildlife in the process themselves of being rehabilitated and pet rabbits, all totally defenceless creatures, plus inevitably poultry. Farmers who were previously probably unaware of the presence of mink in the locality then start on an intensive and inhumane extermination programme, even to the point of starting up new Hunts to 'control' the new 'menace' which was tolerated previous to the chaos caused by release.

Paragraphs 3 and 4.
Wild mink are not a threat as they have adapted to an available niche, which in no way can support vast numbers of the same species. If it could, they would already be there. There is no such thing as a long standing vacuum in nature.

Paragraph 5.
Our wildlife is in fact the dodo mentioned here. Whilst it can cope with all its natural predators in their natural numbers, how can it possibly survive the influx that mass release causes?

Paragraph 6.
Mink may not climb as well as the pine-marten or swim as the otter. However, in such vast numbers they wouldn't need to, to wipe out local wildlife on a disastrous scale. I never have, and hope I never shall, see 200 or more pine-martens or otters all in one small area, competing for food.

Paragraphs 7 and 8.
No wild carnivore ever hunts its prey to extinction. Instead, it regulates its breeding to available food supplies, thus retaining the balance - yet another balance destroyed by mass release.

Paragraph 9.
Where on earth are these mink supposed to disperse to? It is a fact that every carnivore needs a certain territory, enough to support its various prey species. All these territories are already inhabited by as many of a given species as they will support, vacuums only being created when the resident dies, is killed or driven out by an invading member of its own species. Then what happens to it? It either starves, is hunted by man in unfamiliar territory where it hasn't a chance, or in time is forced to fight for new territory. Imagine this going on on a massive scale as is caused by mass release and you will see that it is a proven fact that far more suffering is caused than prevented.

Paragraph 10.
As stated by the writer, mink will fight, and viciously so, as they are not group creatures. These fights inflict severe wounds which become septic, thus incapacitating the little animal and rendering what little survival ability he has as totally useless. He then dies either from septicaemia, pneumonia or starvation, all far worse deaths than the one he was saved from. Whilst in the meantime he may have managed to make a few ineffectual killing attempts on local fish or waterfowl, who in turn are then attempting to survive with appalling and incapacitating injuries.

Paragraph 11.
Finally, when the sum of suffering is totalled up, surely no self-respecting animal rightist can still advocate such irresponsible action, especially when you consider how hard it is to win law reform for animals. How can anyone justify the breaking of the Abandonment of Animals act, for that is what it is. Liberation is the easy part. It's the responsibility for the animals future that is the real challenge.

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Mass Release of Mink continued.....

So if we discontinue with this tactic, what are we to do? I feel that with the ever increasing public awareness, the fur trade will be one of the first animal abuses to go. But what do we do in the meantime? The following tactics have proved successful in the past and can be employed with no danger whatsoever to local wildlife. Keep pressure on the breeders and trappers in any way possible, glued locks, daubings on homes and shops, smashed fur shop windows (do not use bricks for this purpose - they often rebound off plate glass) - a ball bearing propelled from a strong catapult and aimed at the side of window is most successful. Directors homes and cars are very vulnerable too. Whilst back at the ranch, if notes can be taken of when stocks are at their lowest, then strike, if possible destroying valuable breeding records and files and removing any breeding stock to preselected responsible homes, where their survival and safety is assured.
Depending on the location of the new companions of these creatures, a rehabilitation programme can be instigated, leading to their eventual controlled and successful release into the wild. Looking at the overall picture, a far higher percentage of successfully released mink will be achieved in this way. The above comments apply to the release of any carnivore, the rehabilitation of which is a painstaking but very worthwhile effort. There are several people in various parts of the country who although not ALF themselves are known to headquarters and would be only too willing to advise on the care and release of wild creatures, as only in the sharing of often painfully gained experience, can we hope to do the very best for our much abused and misunderstood fellow creatures.

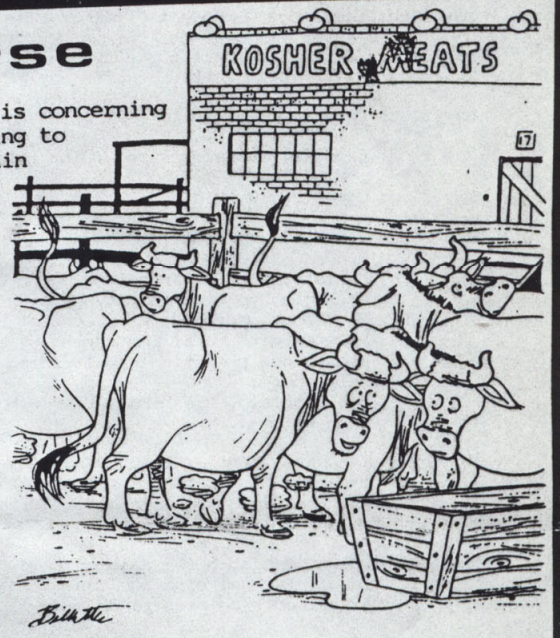
J.W.

WHEN ORDERING ALF LEAFLETS FOR DISTRIBUTION PLEASE GIVE US A ROUGH IDEA OF HOW MANY YOU WANT US TO SEND.

racism in reverse

An area in which the ALF sometimes receives criticism is concerning attacks on ritual slaughterhouses and property belonging to halal and kosher butchers. These actions now and again become the subject of condemnation by 'trendy lefties' because they are said to be against racial minorities. What these people should realise is that ALF actions take place against all forms of persecution and slaughter of animals for food, whether these involve ritual slaughter or not. The critics should also realise that ritual slaughter is more likely to be a target than conventional methods of animal killing because the ritual method, quite simply, involves more cruelty. It would surely be a most pernicious form of racism to allow people to get away with horrendous cruelty because of their 'culture' or the colour of their skin.

R.L.



"I understand we're just here to take a shower."

Please continue to send us relevant press cuttings, particularly those from the local 'free' papers, which are the most difficult for us to obtain.

EAST MIDLANDS ALF

On the 20th September eight members of East Midlands ALF forced their way into Lanchester Polytechnic, in the early hours of the morning.
After meeting at a safe house several miles from Coventry city centre, and discussing the plan, the activists made their way to the polytechnic in cars. Entrance to the building was made using bolt croppers and crowbars.
Slogans were sprayed on the walls and damage was limited to doors and windows to gain entry to the labs. and animal houses. The purpose of the raid was to liberate a pre-arranged number of animals which we had found homes for prior to the raid. 23 rabbits and 10 rats were taken and a note and a symbolic red rose were left in place of the ex-internees. The note read 'In Pity and in Anger'.
The building was not alarmed so the break-in was not noticed until Friday morning.
Local press were informed and the raid received extensive coverage on Mercia Sound (the local radio station). The fact that animals were liberated was at first denied on the air, by a polytechnic spokesman who quoted damage as totalling £1500. He later admitted animals were missing.
A vet looked at several rabbits and commented on their bad condition. Most had scabbed and bleeding ears from canker and the smaller rabbits rear legs were scarred and bleeding because of the wire mesh floors of the crowded cages. The vet did not want his name linked with stolen animals, understandably, but gave them medication and all 33 animals are healthy and in caring homes.

EAST MIDLANDS ALF

HOMES SWEET HOMES

If you can offer a home to a liberated animal please let us know your name, address, home and work telephone numbers, the exact types and amount of animals you can home and also whether it is a permanent or temporary home that you are offering.
There are people who kindly offered good homes perhaps as long as a year ago and still have not been contacted and are no doubt wondering why the ALF is asking for homes and yet their offer has not been taken up.
Homing is entirely dependent upon the area, types of animals rescued, the ALF group responsible for the rescue and numerous other factors. So please do not think your kind offer has gone unrecorded or is being ignored.
Please note that we particulary need homes in the Yorkshire area.
If you have offered a home, please help us keep our records up to date by letting us know if any of the information that you have given us changes.

DIARY

May 1st: Bournemouth, Dorset - car belonging to Tony Taylor (foxhunt master and furtrader) paintstrippered.

May 3rd: Edinburgh, Scotland - 2 windows of a fur shop smashed.

May 4th: Hamburg, W. Germany - 75 rabbits and 80 guinea pigs rescued from a vivisection hospital.

May 5th: Shardlow, Derbys - 18 animal rights activists arrested after attempted break-in at Safepharm Labs., during which several hundred pounds worth of damage was caused.
Frankfurt, W. Germany - 10 stolen dogs rescued from a vivisection dealer.
Hanau, W. Germany - 45 beagles rescued from a vivisection dealer.

May 7th: Edinburgh, Scotland - windows of 2 butchers, a fishmongers/poulterers, a meat centre and a fur shop broken.

May 14th: Cambridge - neglected rabbit rescued from bad home.

May 16th: Sacramento, California, USA - 23 rats rescued from vivisection labs.

May 21st: Crockenhill, Kent - meat lorry damaged.

May 22nd: Cardiff, S. Wales - red paint thrown over fur shop.

May 23rd: Coventry, W. Midlands - furshop daubed.

May 24th: Braintree, Essex - 'Murderers' daubed on Mycofarm/Brocades vivisection lab. and incinerator damaged.
Margate, Kent - van belonging to butchers and lorry belonging to meat company paintstrippered.
Southport, Merseyside - locks of Southport Theatre blocked with metal and superglue as press conference promoting camel racing was due to be held there.
Macclesfield, Cheshire - £300 window of bloodsports shop smashed.

May 26th: Ramsgate, Kent - £1,350 window of Boots the chemist catapulted. Butchers window catapulted. Meat co. van windscreen smashed. Fishmongers van paintstripped.

May 27th: Pennsylvania, USA - raid on head-injury research lab. Extensive damage caused and video tapes of experiments on apes taken away.

May 31st: Offenbach, W. Germany - 207 chinchillas rescued from fur farm.

Early June: Islington, N. London - dog rescued from bad conditions in pet shop.
Hemel Hempstead, Herts - slogans daubed on 2 butchers shops.
E. Midlands - 7 rats, due to be killed following cruel experiments, rescued from a hospital.
Nottingham - slogans sprayed on venison shop, van and car belonging to shop proprieter damaged. Paint thrown over a meat co. van.

June 1st: Palmers Green, N. London - 2 butchers shops damaged.
Turnpike Lane, N. London - 2 butchers shops damaged.

June 2nd: Stanmore, Middlesex - 8 goats rescued from painful bone graft experiments at Royal National Orthopaedic hospital.
Macclesfield, Cheshire - window of fur and leather shop smahed.
Henfield, W. Sussex - animal rights activists smashed windows of the house and car of a vet. involved in Shamrock Farms vivisection suppliers.

June 3rd: Herne Bay, Kent - 4 rabbits rescued from negligent owner.
Bounds Green, N. London - Slogans painted on fur shop.
Folkington, E. Sussex - 6 cage traps set to catch badgers for Min. of Ag. experiments taken and destroyed.

June 4th: Bournemouth, Dorset - fur shop daubed.
Havant, Hants - 3 rats and 3 mice rescued from dissection at Havant College.
Chertsey, Surrey - Hunt saboteurs released 30,000 rainbow trout worth £8,000 from a fish farm.

June 6th: Hornsey, N. London - window of butchers shop smashed.

June 7th: Wirral, Merseyside - illtreated domestic rabbit rescued.

June 8th: Edinburgh, Scotland - window of butchers shop smashed. Damage also done to a fishmongers/poulterers.

June 9th: Altrincham, Cheshire - slogans sprayed on fur shop, glue poured in locks and main window broken.
Sandown, Isle of Wight - slogans in protest against dissection painted on Biology dept. of High School.

June 11th: Todds Green, Herts - damage done to fence of pheasant rearing compound and to tunnels designed to guide wild animals into traps.
France - 10 otters rescued from intensive meat and fur farm.
Paris, France - canvas awning of butchers shop (value £300) burnt.

June 13th: Paris, France - awnings of 2 butchers shops burnt and slogans painted. Damage = £500.

Mid June: Holland - 3 beagles rescued from TNO lab. animal breeding centre.

June 15th: Gentilly, France - awning of butchers shop burnt. Main window of another butchers shop smashed and slogans sprayed.
Harrogate, N. Yorks - Slogans painted at Hazleton vivisection labs.

June 16th: Liverpool - doors of Liverpool Polytechnic glued and daubed as protest against cruel experiments which take place there.
Dublin, Eire - group called 'Green Mole' rescued several animals from cruel experiments at Eastern Health Board labs. Also slogans painted.

June 17th: Hounslow, Middx - side walls of Burger King and MacDonalds restaurants daubed.

June 18th: Liverpool - 'Norwegians are still whale killers' sprayed on front door and locks glued of building where international conference on whaling was to be held.

June 19th: Warrington, Cheshire - cruel animal electrocution machine taken from RSPCA branch offices and smashed with a sledgehammer.

June 20th: Wood Green, N. London - paint-bomb attack on fur shop.

June 23rd: Wood Green, N. London - 2 windows of fishmongers smashed.
Horton, Surrey - hunt saboteurs released thousands of rainbow trout from a fish farm.
Ramsgate, Kent - neglected dog rescued.

June 24th: Golders Green, N. London - van belonging to seller of ritually slaughtered poultry paintstripped.
S. Norwood, S. London - 41 rabbits being bred in bad conditions for meat and vivisection at a Dr. Barnardos home rescued. 10 Aylesbury ducks also rescued.

June 25th: Harringay, N. London - padlocks on gunshop glued.
Ramsgate, Kent - meat co. lorry glued and painted.

June 26th: Leeds, W. Yorks - butchers window smashed.
Ramsgate, Kent - window smashed of security firm that guard Charles River lab. animal breeding centre.

June 28th: Wood Green, N. London - 2 windows of butchers smashed.
Paris, France - windows of 4 butchers shops smashed. Slogans painted.
Bangor, N. Ireland - advertising signs removed and slogans painted at Game and Country Fair.

June 30th: Burnt Oak, Middx - slogans daubed on Cancer Research charity shop and brick thrown through window as money was being raised to finance animal experiments.
Broadstairs, Kent - 2 cars paintstrippered and slogans painted at rabbit farm.
Preston, Lancs - Plate glass windows of fur shop broken. £850 damage.
Sacramento, California, USA - slogans painted at rodeo arena.
Herne Bay, Kent - 11 animal abuse shops glued.

Late June: Bournemouth, Dorset - slogans daubed on buildings and car belonging to laboratory guinea pig breeder.
Coventry, W. Midlands - 2 butchers windows smashed.
2 windows smashed at fishing tackle warehouse and slogans daubed. Window of fur shop smashed.

June/July: Stockport, Gtr. Manchester - windows of Kentucky Fried Chicken shop broken several times and damage done to signs.

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Early July: Cappoquin, Co. Waterford, Eire - 2 lorries and a car paintstrippered at poultry slaughterhouse.
Coventry, W. Midlands - windows of 7 butchers shops smashed. Damage caused to meat wholesalers lorries.
Wrexham, N. Wales - window of butchers shop catapulted.
Waterford, Eire - sign of turkey farm wrecked.
3 butchers shops daubed.
Ramsgate, Kent - butchers lorry sprayed with slogans.

July 1st: Bletchley, Bucks - meat firm daubed and locks glued.

July 3rd: Regents Park, London - documents exposing links with vivisection taken in raid on London Zoo offices.

July 4th: Long Marston, Warwicks - 50 hens rescued from battery farm. Files taken from farm office, £2000 damage to vehicles.

July 6th: Treuddyn, N. Wales - 2 neglected puppies rescued from vivisection supplier.
New Milton, Hants - window of butchers shop smashed and slogans daubed.
Barbourne, Worcester - 3 windows of meat centre smashed and slogans daubed.
London West End - slogans painted on meat van.

July 7th: Bournemouth area, Dorset - 3 butchers shop windows catapulted.
Windsor, Berks - extensive damage done at offices of 'Shooting Times' magazine.

July 8th: Wrexham, N. Wales - windows of 4 butchers shops and a hunting shop smashed. £500 damage done to several meat lorries.
Rossendale, Lancs - slogans painted on lorries at firm rearing chickens for battery farms.
Ramsgate, Kent - locks of butchers shop glued.

July 9th: Huddersfield, W. Yorks - 2 rabbits rescued from bad conditions.

July 10th: Bournemouth, Dorset - window of fur shop broken.
Thanet, Kent - 11 animal abuse shops glued.

July 11th: Bournemouth, Dorset - locks of fur shop glued.
Whitstable, Kent - locks of 4 butchers shops glued.

July 12th: Llandegla, N. Wales - 15 shooting butts destroyed on grouse moor.

July 13th: Longridge, Lancs - 500 mink liberated in raids on 2 fur farms.
Salisbury, Wilts - slogans painted at animal lab. and also on home and car of lab. proprieter. Also 40 pheasant chicks being reared for shooting rescued from stables at his home.
Westbourne, Dorset - slogans painted on fur shop.

July 14th: Longniddry, E. Lothian, Scotland - slogans daubed on home of managing director of Inveresk vivisection labs. and his car paint strippered.
Oldham, Gtr. Manchester - 5 windows smashed at MacDonalds restaurant.

Mid July: Ramsgate, Kent - paint stripper poured over meat van and locks glued.
Milton Keynes, Bucks - slogans daubed on meat factory.
Wolverhampton, Bucks - slogans daubed on butchers shop.
Hatherleigh, Devon - 24 dogs rescued from appalling conditions at a farm.
Macclesfield, Cheshire - slogans painted on slaughterhouse and locks glued.

July 15th: Wakefield, W. Yorks -12 hens rescued from battery farm.
Toronto, Canada - 21 rats rescued from lab. and damage done.

July 16th: Hounslow, Middx - £1,300 damage to MacDonalds hamburger restaurant - large window smashed, locks glued, slogans daubed.

July 18th: London, E9 - 2 sausage lorries paintstrippered.
Maidstone, Kent - locks of 18 animal abuse shops glued.
Sittingbourne area, Kent - locks of 34 animal abuse shops glued.
Ramsgate, Kent - meat lorry paintstrippered and locks glued.

July 19th: Ayr, Scotland - damage caused to 4 fishing boats and slogans painted on fishing huts.
Sittingbourne, Kent - 8 shops connected with animal abuse had locks glued.
St. Albans, Herts - damage done to Winches Farm animal torture lab.

July 21st: Philadelphia, USA - dog rescued from cruel experiments at University of Pennsylvania.
Southampton, London, Leeds - small amount of bleach put in marked bottles of Sunsilk shampoo at Boots stores and adequate warning given. Resulted in shelves having to be cleared and much economic disruption.

July 22nd: Southampton - several windows of drugs firm involved in vivisection smashed.
Coventry, W. Midlands - window of butchers shop smashed.
Window of dog 'beauty' parlour smashed and 'Dogs are not toys' slogan daubed.
Bavaria, W. Germany - cages at battery farm damaged.

July 24th: Worcester - windows of a butchers shop and a fur shop smashed.
Widnes, Cheshire - Illtreated dog rescued.

July 25th: Paris, France - bulldozer being used to destroy wildlife habitat badly damaged.

July 26th: Montmorency Forest, France - damage done to fence separating off a part of the forest which was due to be cut down resulting in destruction of wildlife habitat.
Philadelphia, USA - 1 dog, 3 cats and 8 pigeons rescued from cruel experiments at University of Pennsylvania.
Hambledon, Lancs - 5 hens rescued from battery farm.

July 29th: Wrexham, N. Wales - slogans daubed on 5 butchers shops.
Birmingham, W. Midlands - windows of 11 butchers shops and a fur shop smashed.
Oxford - furriers shop daubed by 'Autonomous Action Alliance'.
Kirkham, Lancs - 7 hens rescued from battery farm.

July 30th: Streatham, S. London - slogans painted and locks glued at 2 butchers shops.

July 31st: Old Hatfield, Herts - slogans daubed on fishing tackle shop.

Late July: Coventry, W. Midlands - 2 windows of fur shop smashed and slogans painted. Windows of 7 butchers shops smashed. Windscreen of meat wholesalers lorry smashed.
Edinburgh, Scotland - window of butchers shop smashed, locks glued, slogans painted. Same things done to Edinburgh University where animal experiments take place.

Early August: Southborough, Kent - signs and posters advertising animal circus torn down.
Coventry, W. Midlands - windows of 5 butchers shops smashed and also window of delicatessen selling meat and pate.

August 1st: Coventry, W. Midlands - windows of butchers shop smashed.
England and Scotland - several hundred shooting butts destroyed and 3 shooting cabins damaged as protest against forthcoming grouse shooting season. Over £200,000 damage caused.

August 2nd: Coventry, W. Midlands - windscreen of meat wholesalers lorry smashed.

August 3rd: Braintree, Essex - slogans daubed on home of Alex Fearne, director of Brocades animal torture lab.
Coventry, W. Midlands - window of butchers shop smashed.

August 4th: Leeds, W. Yorks - windows of 2 butchers shops smashed. 3 other butchers shops sprayed with slogans. Wimpey bar glued and painted. 3 expensive cars belonging to a fur shop boss paintstrippered causing several thousand pounds damage.
Harrogate, N. Yorks - butchers van wrecked and painstrippered.
Hereford - window of MacDonalds and 3 windows in the cattle market smashed.
Coventry, W. Midlands - window of butchers shop smashed. Another butchers shop had 4 windows smashed.
Alborough, E. Yorks - slogans painted on intensive pig unit.
Moseley, Birmingham - window of butchers shop smashed.

August 5th: Linwood, Renfrewshire, Scotland - sealskin shop sprayed with slogans.
Coventry, W. Midlands - fur shop daubed and had 2 windows smashed.
Bournemouth, Dorset - meat lorries paintstrippered and locks glued.
Holland - tens of thousands of trout liberated in raids on 2 fish farms.
Harrogate, N. Yorks - fur shop window broken.
Hereford - window of butchers shop smashed.
Windscreens of 2 bacon lorries smashed.

August 6th: Coventry, W. Midlands - window of butchers shop smashed.
Macclesfield, Cheshire - slogans painted on home of man who shoots cats.
Richmond, Surrey - fur display window of Dickens & Jones smashed.

Early August: Luton, Beds - slogans painted on furriers and brick thrown through glass door.

August 7th: Coventry, W. Midlands - window of butchers shop smashed.
Cliftonville, Kent - 2 vans belonging to a shop selling goat and sheepskin paintstrippered. Slogans painted on shop.
Harrogate, N. Yorks - windows of fur shop smashed.

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August 8th: Covetry, W. Midlands - window of butchers shop smashed.
New Forest, Hants - auctioneers podium at pony sales centre burnt (many ponies sold for meat).

August 9th: Fordingbridge, Hants - signs to rodeo removed and slogans daubed.
W. Midlands - windows of 3 butchers shops and a leather shop smashed. Locks of one of the butchers glued too.
Bradford, W. Yorks - 40 hens rescued from battery farm.
Coventry, W. Midlands - window of butchers shop smashed.
Tipton, W. Midlands - £3,800 damage done to an articulated meat lorry when holes were drilled in its 18 tyres.

Strathclyde, Scotland - damage done to 6 butchers shops and a leather factory.
Blandford, Dorset - 2 butchers shops daubed.

August 10th: Abergavenny, S. Wales - raid on livestock market as a protest against meat trade. Extensive damage to refridgerated lorry, cattle transporter and car. Slogans daubed and gates to the market padlocked and glued.
Coventry, W. Midlands - window of butchers shop smashed.
Cheadle, Staffs - hundreds of pounds damage caused when slogans painted on home of wildlife killing taxidermist.

August 11th: Coventry, W. Midlands - window of butchers shop smashed.

August 12th: Scotland - more than 50 shooting butts destroyed in order to sabotage following days grouse-shooting.
Coventry, W. Midlands - meat wholesalers lorry damaged and daubed.
Preston, Lancs - window of fur shop smashed.

August 13th: Tipton, W. Midlands - 3 chicken lorries severely damaged at a slaughterhouse.
Coventry, W. Midlands - window of butchers shop smashed.
N.W. England - damage caused to gun shops in Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, Blackpool, Chorley, Preston and Lancaster as a protest against the start of the grouse shooting season.

August 14th: Hull - bleach put in animal tested shampoo in a supermarket. Bottles marked and warnings given.
Tiverton, Devon - Hunt saboteurs caused damage to vehicles at Tiverton Staghounds and Tiverton Foxhounds kennels.
Coventry, W. Midlands - window of butchers shop smashed.
Car belonging to P.R man for local Meat Traders Assoc. paintstrippered.
Wrexham, N. Wales - locks of 5 butchers shops and a gun shop glued.

August 15th: Coventry, W. Midlands - window of butchers shop smashed.
Wrexham, N. Wales - windows of 2 butchers shops catapulted.

Mid August: Luton, Beds - slogans painted at halal butchers and windows broken. Van belonging to shop daubed. Window of another butchers smashed. Furriers spray-painted.
Beckenham, Kent - slogans daubed at homes of 2 directors of Wellcome vivisection labs.

August 16th: Coventry, W. Midlands - display window of J. Taylors butchers smashed for the 7th time.
S. Wales - slogans daubed at 2 garden centres which have mini-zoos.

August 17th: Coventry, W. Midlands - window of butchers house smashed.
Ramsgate, Kent - slogans painted at monkey zoo.

August 18th: Bournemouth, Dorset - vehicles belonging to meat wholesalers paintstrippered, fuel tanks sugared, locks glued.

August 19th: Sharnbrook, Beds - 150 activists in raid on Unilever labs. by Eastern Animal Liberation League. Files taken, over £50,000 damage caused, 42 people charged with conspiring to cause damage etc.

August 20th: Wrexham, N. Wales - 2 windows of a butchers shop smashed. Locks of 2 other butchers glued.

Wimbledon, SW London - 4 butchers shops and fish shop had windows catapulted.

August 22nd: Shardlow, Derbys - old van used to smash down security doors of Safepharm labs. 21 guinea pigs rescued.

August 23rd: Coventry, W. Midlands - windows of 4 butchers shops smashed.

August 24th: Coventry, W. Midlands - windows of 5 butchers shops smashed.
Hambleton, Lancs - 9 rabbits rescued from factory farm and slogans sprayed.

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ALF RAID AT THE MOUSERY, BATTLESBRIDGE, ESSEX. 12TH MARCH 1984

The Mousery at Battlesbridge, Essex is the starting point for thousands of animals in the long trek to a painful death in the vivisection laboratories. Mr. Tuck the owner breeds rats, mice, guinea pigs and hamsters for the 'industry' of animal torture.
He has been raided by the ALF in the past and, as a result, security was reputed to be tight. As 3 or 4 years had passed since the last action against him, we decided to take a closer look at the site with a view to re- opening our relationship.
Initial reccies established that there were regular visits by mobile security men every night. A close inspection of the site between security visits revealed that Mr. Tuck had prospered since the ALF had ceased to visit him - all the old wooden sheds had been replaced with new purpose- built brick buildings.
Looking through the windows we could see hundreds of cages in each aisle of the buildings - we estimated approximately 30,000 animals were housed on the site.
The buildings were alarmed and the office building was a fortress, heavily alarmed and with all the windows boarded up - perhaps Mr. Tuck feared a repeat of a previous action when the office was gutted by petrol bombs!
Undeterred, we began planning our raid. Teams of 2 watched the site for night after night, timing the security mens visits. They never visited at shorter periods than one hour, which gave us plenty of time provided that we began immediately after the guard left. It was really funny watching the guards going up and down the drive, imagining that they were a deterrent to us, when we were lying only a few yards away, watching every move. They were also lazy and did not check all around the buildings. We therefore began to plan an entry via a window at the rear of the guinea pig building. Even if the guard returned during the raid we could reckon on remaining undetected. We had also checked carefully and were sure that the windows were not alarmed.
The only other problem was transport. The site was on a narrow twisting road and there was nowhere to park without drawing attention. Eventually we decided to use an access road to a water plant almost opposite the mousery. As the water plant was not manned at night we were fairly confident that we would not be detected, although there was a risk that we would be trapped down the road if the police turned up, as there was only one exit. We decided to risk this, having little choice.

On the night of the raid we met up and assembled our gear - crowbars, a hammer for the window (we like the subtle approach) plenty of boxes for the animals etc. A car dropped 2 people with CB radios off early. They would check the site out and would guide the other 3 cars in when the security guards had left. It was also important that the road was empty of other vehicles when our cars turned into the water works road - it might have looked odd and could possibly have led to the police being alerted if 3 cars were seen entering a closed site.

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ALF RAID AT THE MOUSERY, BATTLESBRIDGE, ESSEX.
12TH MARCH 1984

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The cars made their first pass and were given the 'all clear' by the advance party but other vehicles made it necessary to drive past. The second pass 15 minutes later was called off when the advance party reported that the guards had arrived - 2 vans instead of one, which had never happened before. Had we been detected? An anxious few minutes passed but the guards left again. The third pass was successful and all the vehicles were tucked away. By the time all the people and gear were assembled beside the site, it was too close to a possible return visit by the guards to risk. We all lay in a ditch waiting. About 30 minutes later the guards arrived - we had a good laugh as they went through their pathetic routine before leaving again. As soon as they had gone we rushed up to the guinea pig building and smashed the chosen window with the hammer - there was nobody but us to hear the noise! Quickly, the first few people crowded in, and the boxes followed. Within minutes full boxes of guinea pigs were coming out - over 150 animals in all. We took them back to the cars, loaded them up and they drove off. A small team remained to try and enter the office block but were not successful - the boards on the window were solid wood, apparantly fixed with 6" nails!!! With time running out, we had to leave, but have since worked out how to get in on a future visit.
Mr. Tuck was probably furious to discover the raid in the morning. We did not think that the guards would have seen anything on their later visit as we had kept to the back of the buildings - there must have been some red faces that morning! A permanent guard will knock a huge hole in Mr. Tucks profits - but he must either increase security now or go out of business.

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Your letters

The SG is grateful for all the letters we receive, from those expressing unreserved support and encouragement to those strongly criticising some of the things the ALF does and disagreeing with items printed in the newsletter. Starting in the next issue we will be including a letters page, so you can make your views known, not just to us but everyone in the SG. Send your letters to 'Letters Page', ALF Supporters Group, BCM Box 1160, London, WC1N 3XX. If we print your letter we won't print your name or address, only your membership no. and county, so remember to include these when you write.

If you hear of an ALF action that's happened in your area please, if you can, write to your local paper, explaining why you support people taking this type of action.

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August 26th: Downe, Kent - raid by South East Animal Liberation League on Royal College of Surgeons labs. Windows, doors and equipment damaged. Evidence of cruel experiments taken.
The Fylde, Lancs - tractor and equipment damaged in raid on pig dealers.
Holland - several hundred marsh-beavers liberated from 3 fur farms.
Hothfield, Kent - 300 game birds (due to be shot) released from a farm.
Poole, Dorset - 30 shops displaying circus posters sprayed. Gun shop sprayed.
Montrouge, Paris, France - window of butchers shop smashed.

August 27th: E. Kilbride, Scotland - damage caused to meat processing plant. Lorry belonging to plant destroyed by fire.
Bournemouth, Dorset - window of meat wholesalers broken and slogans sprayed. 2 windows of another meat wholesalers smashed, slogans again sprayed.
St. Albans, Herts - 2 butchers shops daubed with slogans.

August 28th: Coventry, W. Midlands - 2 large windows of newly opened butchers shop smashed. Window of fish, game and poultry supplier also smashed.
Seaford, E. Sussex - slogans sprayed at 3 butchers, a fish shop and Sainsburys.

August 29th: Pilling, Lancs - slogans painted at battery farm and damage done to vehicles.
Macclesfield, Cheshire - illtreated pup rescued.
Lock glued of fishing tackle shop. Locks glued and anti-dissection slogans painted on college. 3 schools sprayed with anti-dissection slogans.

August 30th: Liverpool - extensive damage done at halal meat shop and to the shops van.
Poynton, Cheshire - locks of butchers shop glued.

August 31st: Nottingham - window of Boots the chemist smashed with an axe.
Bournemouth, Dorset - 2 windows smashed and other damage done to grocers which sells ritually slaughtered meat.
Coedkernew, Gwent, Wales - car and van damaged and sheds sprayed at battery farm. £2,000 damage.
Westbourne, Dorset - shops displaying circus posters daubed.
Cardiff,S. Wales - fur shop daubed.
Brixton, S. London - window of art gallery, displaying exhibits encouraging cruelty, smashed.

September: Beds, Bucks and Herts - Combined Counties ALF smashed 50 butchers shop windows, liberated 100 pheasants due to be shot, destroyed snares, glued up butchers and fur shops, painted slogans on butchers shops and a slaughterhouse.

September 1st: Coventry, W. Midlands - windows of 2 butchers shops smashed.
Dunstable, Beds - window of butchers shop catapulted.
Holland - 80 chinchillas rescued in raids on 2 fur farms.
Poole, Dorset - 5 windows broken of restaurant selling frogs legs.

September 2nd: Melling, Merseyside - 42 turkeys, being fattened for Christmas, rescued from farm.
Leytonstone, E. London - window of butchers shop smashed.
Wrexham, N. Wales - window of butchers shop smashed.

September 3rd: Kings Cross, London - 8 rabbits being sent for vivisection rescued from Kings Cross station.
Dunstable, Beds - windows of 3 butchers shops smashed. £1,000 damage.
Wrexham, N. Wales - butchers shop window smashed. Butchers van paintstrippered. £500 damage.
Poole, Dorset - council offices daubed in red paint because they refuse to ban circuses.
Macclesfield, Cheshire - lock on fishing tackle shop glued. Locks of butchers glued.

September 4th: Coventry, W. Midlands - windows of 4 butchers shops smashed. One window was worth £3,000.
St. Albans, Herts - window of furriers smashed.
Garlinge, Kent - vans belonging to a butchers and a bad pet shop paintstrippered.
Sandwich and Deal, Kent - locks of over 20 shops (inc. butchers, fishmongers and furriers) glued.

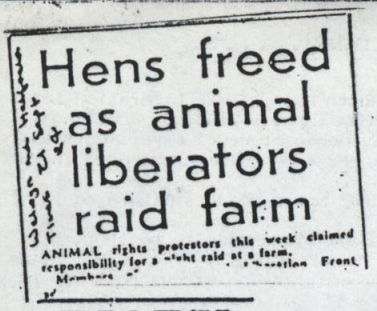
September 5th: Bournemouth, Dorset - slogans daubed on Bournemouth International Centre where fur shows were due to be held.

September 6th: Dunstable, Beds - butchers shop window catapulted.

September 7th: Macclesfield, Cheshire - slogans painted on butchers shop.

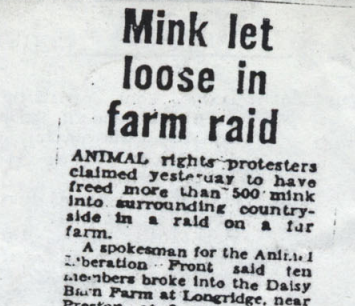
Early September: Ramsgate, Kent - slogans painted on local monkey zoo.
Leytonstone, E. London - halal meat lorry paintstrippered and daubed.
Nottingham - 4 meat vans paintstrippered.

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Hens freed as animal liberators raid farm

ANIMAL rights protesters this week claimed responsibility for a night raid at a farm. Liberation Front Members



Mink let loose in farm raid

ANIMAL rights protesters claimed yesterday to have freed more than 500 mink into surrounding countryside in a raid on a fur farm.

A spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front said ten members broke into the Daisy Barn Farm at Longridge, near Preston, at 3 a.m. after befriend

DIARY continued.....

September 8th: Hayes, Kent - Thousands of pounds worth of damage caused at home of Wellcome animal torturer, John Scarnell. Glass door smashed, car paintstrippered and windscreen broken. 16th ALF attack on Wellcome torturers.
Macclesfield, Cheshire - damage done to slaughterhouse.

September 9th: Fulham, W. London - raid on an animal lab. at Charing Cross hospital. Rat and mouse rescued, empty cages damaged, documents taken.
Leamington, Warwicks - large plate glass window of fur shop smashed.

September 10th: Coventry, W. Midlands - window of gun shop smashed.
Bulkington, W. Midlands - anti-angling slogans daubed at maggot farm.
Macclesfield, Cheshire - window of bloodsports shop smashed. £300 damage.

September 11th: Solihull, W. Midlands - windows of 2 butchers shops smashed.
Rochester, Kent - locks of 3 butchers shops glued.

September 12th: South Mimms, Herts - arson attack on animal research lab. being built for Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Unfortunately, fire didn't take but £500 damage done.

September 13th: Copenhagen, Denmark - first raid by Danish ALF. Window of fur shop smashed and slogans painted.

September 14th: Evesham, Worcs - raid on meat products factory. Slogans daubed.

Mid September: Islington, N. London - slogans painted on Biorex animal torture labs.

September 16th: Charing, Kent - damage done to slaughterhouse.

September 17th: Stanborough Bury, Herts - 5 hens rescued from battery farm and slogans sprayed on lorry and buildings.
Hounslow, Middx - £2,200 damage caused to Burger King restaurant when 9 plate glass windows smashed.
Ramsgate, Kent - locks of 2 butchers shops and a fishmongers glued.

September 19th: Ramsgate, Kent - car belonging to managing director of Charles Rivers lab. animal breeding centre paintstrippered. Signs of local monkey zoo also paintstrippered.

September 20th: Doncaster, S. Yorks - 50 mink liberated from cages at a fur farm.
Coventry, W. Midlands - raid on Lanchester Polytechnic. 23 rabbits and 10 rats rescued from cruel experiments. Slogans painted. Damage totalled £1,500.

September 22nd: Copenhagen, Denmark - slogans painted on 4 fur shops.
Ramsgate, Kent - slogans sprayed on skin shop. Shops van paintstrippered. Car belonging to rabbit dealer also paintstrippered.

September 23rd: Morecambe, Lancs - £2,000 damage done at abattoir Slogans painted on walls. Vehicles damaged.
Edinburgh, Scotland - windows of 3 butchers, a meat centre, 2 fishmongers/poulterers and a meat trade suppliers smashed

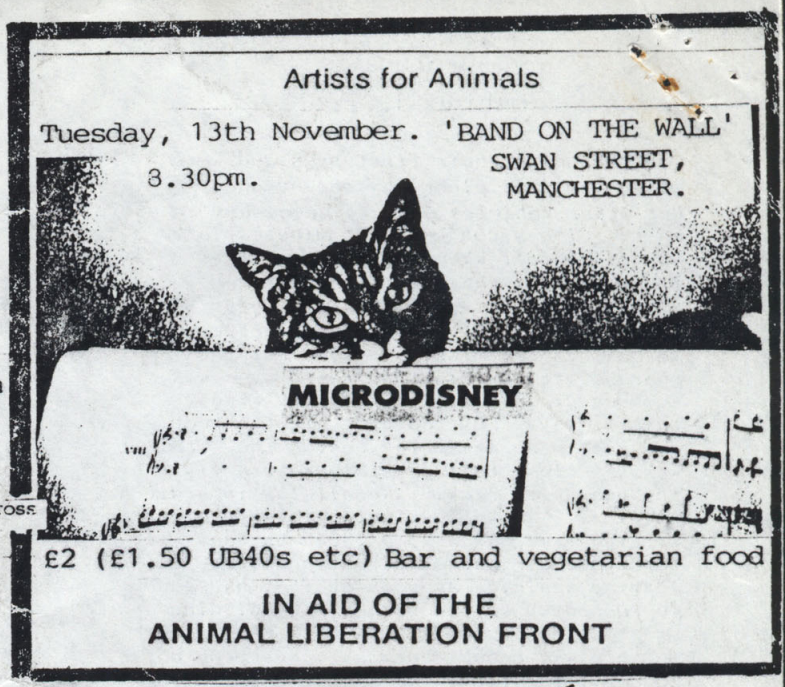
September 24th: Brighton E. Sussex - slogans sprayed on walls and vans at new meat storage depot.

September 26th: Wrexham, N. Wales - window of butchers shop catapulted.

September 28th: Ebbw Vale, S. Wales - slogans sprayed on 3 butchers shops.
Bagshot, Surrey - 14 beagles rescued from Bios animal torture labs. by SEALL.

September 30th: Winford, Avon - slogans sprayed on livestock market.
Roehampton, SW London - home of Iranian diplomat where ritual slaughter has taken place painted with slogans.

Late September: Glasgow, Scotland - windows of 4 fur shops smashed.
West Bridgford, Nottingham - window of butchers shop smashed.



Mug & Bat Evening Echo

Arson attack

VANDALS or campaigners may have carried out an arson attack on the New Forest pony sales centre at Beaulieu Road station. They burned an auctioneer's podium early this morning.

Mrs. Jean McGarth, manageress of the Beaulieu Road Hotel, said: "One of my staff raised the alarm after smelling smoke and burning. I don't know why they bother. It will not stop the sales going on."

Detectives from Lyndhurst are investigating this latest incident.



SORRY!

OWING TO ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BESET US RECENTLY, THIS NEWSLETTER IS a) LATE AND b) OF VERY POOR PRINT QUALITY. FROM THE NEXT ISSUE ONWARDS THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE PRODUCED BY A PROPER PRINTING PROCESS. UNTIL THEN.....

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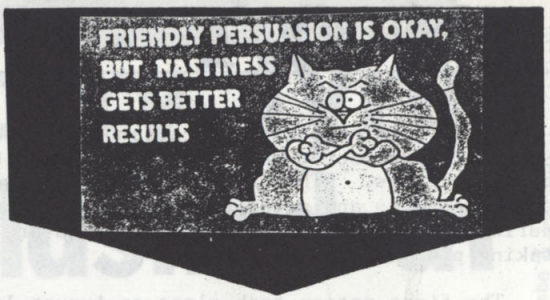
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THE SG

No. 14. The newsletter that supports our girls and boys



GOTCHA!



£2,000 damage done to vehicles at a battery farm at Coedkernow, Gwent.

"WOT NO BUTTS?"

The grouse shooting season came to an end in December, and moor owners are still adding up the cost of ALF actions. The ALF have destroyed over 600 shooting butts and attacked at least 5 shooting cabins during the season, and sporadic actions are still taking place.

The first action took place on August 1st, 2 weeks before the glorious twelfth, the official start of the grouse shooting season. On the Peak District moors, outside Sheffield and Manchester, over 100 activists, in ten separate groups, worked throughout the night dismantling about 250 shooting butts. Two shooting cabins were also attacked and one was daubed with the slogan "Wot No Butts?". We estimated the cost of the damage to exceed £200,000.

Some of the butts had been in place since the turn of the century and are quite literally irreplacable.

The night before the first shoot, ALF activists struck again. Gun shops were attacked in Yorkshire and Lancashire causing thousands of pounds worth of damage. In Scotland, 40 more butts were wrecked as was a footbridge leading to them. In North Wales activists attacked butts near Ruffin, and game keepers were seen frantically trying to rebuild them four days later as some Indian princes were due to be shooting there the next day.

Since then, actions have taken place sporadically and over 150 more butts have been dismantled. There have even been reports of ramblers nonchalantly wrecking butts while having a picnic. Hunt saboteurs have reported to ALF that many shoots have been severely disrupted and some even cancelled due to grouse butts being destroyed.

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BLEACH OF THE PEACE

16th October 84: Today magistrates finally lifted harsh bail restrictions on three animal rights activists accused of contaminating bottles of shampoo in a Hull supermarket. The three were required to sign daily at a police station, provide sureties of £500 each and were prohibited from any shop at any time. These bail conditions had been in effect since mid-August. The three were also held in police custody for 6 days pending their original commital trial.

The original charges were to be "conspiracy to commit a public nuisance",(inferring national connections with Animal Liberation Front groups responsible for similar actions) but it now seems likely that the much less serious charge of an offence against the 'Labelling of Dangerous Substances Act' will eventually be preferred.

The charges stem from an animal rights protest in which it is alleged toxic substances (believed to be a weak bleach solution) were mixed with the shampoo and the bottles then labelled 'toxic' and marked with a cross. Three of these were placed in a Hull supermarket and the local press informed that the action had been taken as a protest against the testing of cosmetics on animals.

A spokesman for the local ALF stated that at no time was the public in any danger, the bottles were clearly marked and the store manager informed immediately. Every precaution was taken that no harm was done except perhaps to the profits of those who exploit animals.

Positive results of this action include the removal of entire shampoo stocks in all 20 of the supermarket branches. It also provided an opportunity for the local animal rights group to publicize the infamous Draize Test.

13th November 84: The three appeared in court again and were eventually charged with a "Blemish of the Peace". Due to the evidence against them all 3 pleaded guilty and were bound over for 2 years (for the sum of £200).

This charge (from the 17th century!) was dredged up by the DPP after 4 months of searching for a charge they could be sure of making stick.



Yours in love and liberation,

Hull ALF

Times Higher Education Supplement 23rd November 84

DIARY

Sept 11th: Berlin, Germany - 40 beagles rescued from vivisection lab.

Sept 14th: Ramsgate, Kent - car belonging to director of Charles River lab. animal breeders paintstrippered.

Sept 15th: Dublin, Eire - angling shop daubed and locks glued.

Sept 16th: Paris, France - windscreen wipers of fishmongers lorry damaged.

Sept 19th: Castleton, S.Wales - £800 damage caused and slogans daubed at garden centre which has mini-zoo.

Sept 20th: Canford Magna, Dorset - 15 hens rescued from battery farm. Delivery van and tractor damaged. Slogans painted.

Sept 22nd: Ramsgate, Kent - rabbit breeder's car paintstrippered. Van belonging to shop selling goat and sheepskins paintstrippered.

Sept 26th: Carshalton, Surrey - fencing damaged at BIBRA vivisection labs.

Sept 29th: Bagshot, Surrey - 14 beagles rescued from lab. by SEALL.

Sept 30th: Paris, France - windscreen wipers of poulterer's lorry damaged.

Late Sept: Nottingham - window of fishing tackle shop smashed with a rock.
Coventry area, W.Midlands - windows of 10 butchers and a gun shop smashed. Car belonging to fur shop manageress paintstrippered.

Tackle shops attacked

Nottingham Evening Post
11th October 84

THE Animal Liberation Front today claimed responsibility for attacks on fishing tackle shops in Radford, Gedling, The Meadows, West Bridgford, Arnold, Carrington and Bulwell. It appears a metal ball-bearing was projected through the shop windows, say police.

Early Oct: Heath and Reach, Beds - pheasants, due to be shot, liberated and fence of compound damaged.
Harrietsham, Kent - £1,000 damage done at battery farm - slogans on buildings, damage to vehicles.
Coventry area, W.Midlands - windows of 10 butchers shops smashed. Car belonging to owner of several fur shops paintstrippered.
Paris, France - fish rescued from bad conditions in tank at pet shop.

Oct 1st: Shrewsbury, Shrops - firm which manufactures battery cages daubed and entrance gates chained up.
Wrexham, N.Wales - slogans daubed at cattle market.

Oct 2nd: Paris, France - window of poulterer's lorry smashed.

Oct 3rd: Macclesfield, Cheshire - brick thrown through window of bloodsports shop.

Oct 4th: Soest, Holland - files taken from offices of exotic animal dealer.
Wrexham, N.Wales - lock of frozen meat store glued.
Edinburgh, Scotland - windows smashed of 5 butchers shops, a poulterer, a meat centre and a meat trade supply shop.

Oct 5th: Lancaster - 3 lorries damaged at slaughterhouse (grinding paste, paintstripper, slogans etc.)

Oct 6th: Watford Gap, Northants - car belonging to group of tourists who had been shooting deer damaged at motorway service station.

Lorry tyres slashed at abattoir

Morecambe & Lancaster "Visitor"
26th September 84

ANIMAL rights activists are being blamed for a night raid on a Morecambe slaughterhouse, in which damage estimated at £2,000 was caused to a fleet of vehicles.

And they have been accused of risking lives by jabbing spikes into tyres.

Five heavy goods vehicles and a van were attacked some time between 7.30 am Saturday and 7 am Sunday. They were parked in the open near to the abattoir in Schola Green Lane. All night security has now been brought in.

Messages in dripping red gloss paint were daubed on to slaughterhouse walls and the sides of lorries, and splashed inside the cabs and on driving seats. Aerosols were also used.

Slogans included "Blood Money", "Meat Means Murder", "Some animals have their throats cut while conscious", and "Cancer, arthritis, heart disease — that's meat".

The initials A.L.F. were also daubed in large lettering — they presumably stand for Animal Liberation Front.

The abattoir, which has been in that location for more than 12 years and employs 45 people, lies in a fairly remote part of Schola Green Lane. It is thought the raiders could have been at the scene for up to an hour.

SPIKES

Gravel was poured into diesel tanks and radiators and the filler caps on some lorries were removed.

Seven tyres were punctured, possibly with meat skewers found near the scene. It was only after close examination, however, that other spikes were found embedded in tyres that had not deflated.

Mr. Peter Winder, a director of R. P. Winder, wholesale meat distributors, who operate the abattoir, told The Visitor at the scene on Sunday morning: "The most serious and wilful thing really is that they put spikes into tyres on a number of vehicles.

"If a tyre had blown and the vehicle had killed some children, I don't know what the reaction would have been then."

He went on: "It is the first time we have been affected in this way. It is probably part of a national campaign up and down the country involving different abattoirs.

Oct 7th: Merseyside - windows of 6 butchers shops smashed. Locks of hot dog stand warehouse and Danish Bacon Co. superglued. Slogans sprayed on 2 butchers shops and a halal kebab shop.
Sidcup, Kent - slogans daubed and hoardings damaged at building site for a McDonalds burger restaurant.

Oct 8th: West Bridgford, Nottingham - windows of a butchers shop and a fur shop smashed.

Oct 10th: Rhostyllen, Wrexham, N.Wales - windows of butchers shop broken and slogans sprayed.

Oct 11th: Sparkbrook, Birmingham - brick thrown through butchers shop window.
Wigan, Lancs - slogans painted at battery egg farm.
Nottingham - windows of 7 fishing tackle shops smashed using a catapult.
Leytonstone, E.London - lorry paintstrippered, locks glued and slogans painted at bacon packers. Fork lift truck also paintstrippered.

Burger site daubed

Sidcup Times
11th October 84

ANIMAL rights campaigners daubed slogans and damaged hoardings at a Sidcup High Street site being developed by hamburger giants, McDonalds.

A group calling itself the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the vandalism which happened late on Sunday night.

Red paint graffiti sprayed on the McDonald's site said "Macdeath burger" and "meat means murder." One of the boards put up around the site had been knocked down.

An ALF spokesman said McDonald's had been hit because of the restaurant's involvement with the slaughter of animals and factory farming.

In response to the animal rights activists' accusations a McDonald's spokesman said: "Ninety-eight (per cent of the population enjoy meat and we are there to serve that demand. All our cattle are humanely slaughtered."

Threats to traders over advertising for circus

Letters threatening to smash shop windows have been sent to Wrexham traders advertising the arrival of Circus Hoffman in the town.

The letters are from the Animal Liberation Front and police patrols are being stepped up to protect the shopkeepers from the group, which has claimed reponsibility for several window smashing incidents.

Mr Jack Stevens, who owns the Joke Shop in Town Hill, is one of about a dozen shopkeepers who received the letters yesterday, which were postmarked Chester.

It reads: "Circuses are cruel and degrading to animals. Unless you remove the poster from your window by Sat. 6th, we will remove the window from the poster."

The letter is marked with the ALF motif.

Mr Stevens said his reaction was "sheer bloody anger" when he read the letter, but that his wife had panicked a little.

"They say these circuses are degrading, but what is more degrading than sending an anonymous letter?

"I'm always willing to talk to people", he said. "Everyone is entitled to their views, but they shouldn't try and ram them down my throat."

He has no intention of removing the poster from his window and says that as far as he knew other traders were not bowing to the threats.

Supt. Derek Roberts of Wrexham, said that the police were aware of the letters and shopkeepers would be protected with additional police patrolling of the streets.

He said that the possibility of using forensic scientists to test the letters to trace members of the group have not been ruled out, and investigations were continuing.

The Animal Liberation Front is also thought to be responsible for putting glue into the lock of the Iceland Frozen Food Store in Wrexham last night.

This is the second time in about a month it has been done. Staff were locked out for about three hours.

Evening Star (Ipswich)
15th October 84

RED PAINT ATTACK ON FURS SHOP

A copy-cat attack has been made on an Ipswich fur coat shop.

For the second time this year red paint was sprayed through the letter box of Sacks and Brendlor's in Tavern Street.

Managing director of the company, Mr. Pierre Brendlor, said damage was restricted to one leather coat and the floor of the shop.

Initial police reports on the attack, which took place some time between Saturday evening and this morning, estimated damage totalling about £1,500 to garments, fixtures and carpets.

In a previous paint spray attack in January a number of fur coats were hit causing several thousands of pounds worth of damage.

Once again the Animal Liberation Front has claimed responsibility for the damage.

Evening Leader (Wrexham)
5th October 84

Oct 13th: Liverpool - locks glued and slogans painted at 5 animal abuse premises (butchers, fur shops and a restaurant selling frogs legs).

Uxbridge, Middx - minibus belonging to Brunel university psychology dept. (vivisectors) was daubed and had windows smashed. Windows of 10 butchers shops, a fish shop and a hunting shop broken.

Hastings, E.Sussex - 2 vans belonging to meat firm paintstrippered. 2 butchers shops had windows broken.

Oct 14th: Clifton, Nottingham - damage caused to Boots the Chemist shop.

Ipswich, Suffolk - red paint sprayed through letter box of fur shop causing £1,500 damage.

Edinburgh, Scotland - windows smashed of 4 butchers, a meat trade supply centre, 2 fishmongers/poulterers and a frozen meat centre.

Whyteleafe, Surrey - slogans daubed on home of foxhunter.

Bolton, Lancs - over 200 mink freed from fur farm.

Derby - window of McDonalds smashed, 2 windows of Boots smashed.

West Bridgford, Nottingham - window of butchers shop smashed.

Mid Oct: Middlesborough - slogans spray painted on several butchers shops.

Sidcup, Kent - slogans sprayed on 6 butchers shops, a pet shop and the site of a new McDonalds hamburger restaurant.

Mid to end Oct: Ramsgate, Kent - 3 vans belonging to Viking Security (work for Charles Rivers lab. animal breeders) paintstrippered.

Oct 16th: Cambridge - doors and locks damaged at vivisection labs. of Cambridge university physiology dept.

Otford, Kent - window of butchers shop smashed.

Plaxtol, Kent - pavement in front of butchers shop sprayed 'meat means murder'.

Ballyellis, Co. Cork, Eire - 85 hares released from enclosure where they were being kept for coursing.

Oct 17th: Nottingham - home of convicted badger baiter daubed.

Oct 18th: Liverpool - window of butchers shop catapulted.

Oct 19th: Chadwick End, West Midlands - £2,000 damage caused and 46 hens rescued from battery farm.

Oct 20th: Paris, France - slogans painted on agriculture ministry in protest against large scale slaugter of cats by the ministry.

Westgate, Kent - Alsation rescued from cruel home and slogans painted.

Wigram, Christchurch, New Zealand - Great Dane, due to be put down, rescued from RSPCA kennels.

Aldborough, Nr. Hull - pregnant beagle rescued from lab. animal suppliers.

Oct 21st: Westgate, Kent - 2 cars belonging to man who had been cruel to his dog, paintstrippered.

Oct 22nd: Coventry, W.Midlands - window of butchers shop smashed.
Bristol - 8 butchers shops daubed and a meat delivery van daubed and tyres slashed.

Oct 23rd: Charlton, S.E.London - window of butchers shop smashed.
Plumstead, S.E.London - 'meat means murder' sprayed on pavement outside butchers shop. Slogan painted on front of another butchers shop.

Oct 24th: Liverpool - lock of gunshop jammed and slogans sprayed.
Ewell, Surrey - slogans painted on college of technology where cruel experiments take place.

Coventry Evening Telegraph
20th October 84

Battery farm raid

ANIMAL rights campaigners destroyed more than 40,000 eggs in a raid on a battery poultry farm.

They also flooded feeding troughs and freed more than 40 hens at Rosemary Farm egg-packing station at Chadwick End, near Solihull, last night.

One of the station's workers, Joy Wilkes, said: "Many chickens were absolutely soaked because of the flooding. It's lucky none of them drowned.

"These people smashed the water pipes and flooded the troughs. It seems strange they are campaigning for animal rights when they do something as cruel as this."

A person claiming to be a representative of the Animal Liberation Front today claimed responsibility for the raid and said it had released 46 hens. A spokesman said the hens had now been found "free-range homes."

The campaigners ruined more than 40,000 eggs.

Oct 26th: Smethwick, W.Midlands - 4 meat lorries windscreens smashed, paintstrippered etc.

Oct 28th: Fareham area, Hants - co-ordinated attack by SEALL on 3 establishments involved in vivisection, damage caused and documements taken.

Edinburgh, Scotland - windows of 3 butchers shops and 2 fishmongers smashed.

Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs - damage caused at battery egg farm.

Butcher hit yet again by protesters

Coventry Telegraph
23rd October 84

VANDALS have struck again at a Coventry butcher's shop hit by a wave of attacks in recent months.

John Bloxham at his shop, Holly Bush Family Butchers, in Alderminster Road, Mount Nod, yesterday morning, to find a smashed window — the fifth since August.

Yesterday afternoon in an anonymous call to the *Evening Telegraph*, a man claiming to be from the Animal Liberation Front admitted carrying out the attack "as a protest against factory farming."

After the last attack, also believed to be the work of animal protesters, Mr Bloxham's insurance claims for repairing the windows topped £1,000.

He was so sickened at the vandals' actions that he threatened to quit the business which he took over in May.

Police agreed to step up night-time surveillance of the area but were unable to prevent the latest attack.

Mr Bloxham refused to make any comment about the incident. But in August he said: "I've just about had enough. I feel very bitter about what's happening."

Oct 29th: Nottingham - windows smashed in 3 Boots shops. New Boots animal research lab. paintstrippered.

Oct 31st: Burtonwood, Merseyside - slogans painted and 38 turkeys rescued from intensive farm.
Thornton Heath, Surrey - red paint poured over front of 2 butchers shops.

Late Oct: Smethwick, W.Midlands - 4 lorries attacked at a butchers depot. Thousands of pounds damage.
Middlesborough - butchers shop spray painted with slogans.
Coventry area, W.Midlands - 2 cars and 2 vans belonging to butchers paintstrippered. 4 cars belonging to hunt supporters paintstrippered. Exit gates to a sausage tasting competition padlocked.

Protest attack on butchers' lorries

Dudley Evening Mail
26th October 84

Animal liberation "commandos" attacked lorries at a Black Country butchers today, slashing brake cables and wrecking engines.

The animal activists struck at the Dewhurst lorry compound in Dartmouth Street, Smethwick.

They attacked four lorries, smashing windscreens, cutting oil lines, pouring paint-stripper over the vehicles and putting sugar in petrol tanks.

One of the lorries had its brake cables slashed, and the protestors pledged that they would stage further attacks in the area.

Detectives investigating the case today said they were treating the cut break cables "very seriously" as the activists had put the lives of drivers at risk.

A woman spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front telephoned the Evening Mail and claimed responsibility for the raid.

Reading from a prepared statement, she said: "The attack was a protest against the slaughter of innocent animals by the meat trade. We can and will strike again.

Sandwell's head of CID, Det. Supt. Michael Holder said: "We appreciate that they called us but someone might have turned up early for work and driven away a lorry before we could have warned them.

A spokesman for Dewhurst said they were still investigating

Early Nov: Coventry area, W.Midlands: 3 windows of a butchers shop broken. Slogans daubed on NFU offices. 3 windows smashed at fur shop.
Cheltenham, Glos - window of butchers shop broken.
Paris, France - empty tank at pet shop used to imprison fish, smashed.
Edinburgh - windows of 3 butchers, a meat shop and a poulterers smashed.

Nov 1st: Leeds, W.Yorks - 3 windows broken at store with exhibition promoting animal circuses.

Nov 3rd: Merseyside - at least 5 fur shops and 4 butchers shops daubed and locks glued.

Nov 4th: Elland, W.Yorks - nearly 2,000 mink released from fur farm.
Kings Heath, Birmingham - butchers shop window smashed with lump of concrete.
Halifax, W.Yorks - 16 foxes liberated from fur farm and vans damaged.
Dewsbury, W.Yorks - slogans daubed on slaughterhouse. Locks of 15 butchers shops filled with glue.
Golders Green, NW.London - kosher poultry van paint-strippered and locks glued.

Nov 5th: East Bridgford, Notts - doors of battery farm daubed with slogans. Tractor destroyed by fire.

Nov 6th: Gloucester - slogans sprayed over cattle market.

Nov 7th: Ramsgate, Kent - window of Boots smashed.
Bournemouth, Dorset - fur shop paintbombed.

Nov 8th: East Dundry, nr.Bristol - slogans painted at turkey farm.
Bournemouth, Dorset - 2 windows of fur shop broken.

Nov 9th: Wickham, Hants - 5 vehicles at a kennels which sends dogs for vivisection, damaged by fire.

Nov 11th: Holloway, N.London - 3 meat vans paintstrippered and one also had locks glued.
Nottingham - window of fur shop smashed.

Nov 13th: Newmarket, Suffolk - window of fur shop damaged.

Nov 14th: Liverpool - at least 2 fur shops and 2 butchers shops attacked. Windows smashed, slogans daubed, glue in locks.

Nov 15th: Cheltenham, Glos - windows of 6 butchers shops broken.
Worcester - windows of 2 butchers shops broken.
Bexley, Kent - home of owner of firm which makes leb. animal cages daubed and car paintstrippered.
Bournemouth, Dorset - window of shop selling ritually slaughtered meat broken.

Nov 16th: Prees, Shropshire - 8 lorries belonging to Goldenlay battery egg firm daubed with slogans.

Nov 17th: Bromley, Kent - 29 rats and 5 frogs rescued from cruel experiments at College of Technology. £1,500 damage done.
Preston, Lancs - slogan painted on doorstep of Boots.

Nov 19th: Preston, Lancs - 8 vans daubed at British Beef depot.

Nov 20th: Wareside, Herts - 6 vans damaged at intensive poultry farm. Paintstrippered, slogans, sugar in tanks.
Birmingham - 2 guinea pigs rescued from cruel experiments at a hospital.
Rugby, Warwicks - locks of 3 butchers shops glued.
Weymouth, Dorset - slogans painted on butchers shop.

Nov 21st: Worcester - windows of 4 butchers shops broken.

Nov 24th: Arkendale, N.Yorks - tyres of vehicle belonging to foxhunt slashed.

Nov 25th: Ramsgate, Kent - slogans sprayed on RSPCA shop in protest against RSPCA condemnation of ALF actions.
Effingham, Surrey - slogans painted on meat shop.
Guildford, Surrey - 3 butchers shops damaged.
Lewarde, Northern France - bomb attack on premises of international lab. animal dealer causing extensive damage.
Bournemouth, Dorset - 2 windows broken of shop selling ritually slaughtered meat.

Nov 27th: Oxted, Surrey - cars belonging to a hunt master paint-strippered.

Nov 28th: Gloucester - window of butchers shop broken.

Nov 29th: Gloucester - windows of 4 butchers shops broken.

Nov 30th: Bournemouth area, Dorset - windows of 5 butchers shops smashed.

Harrogate, N.Yorks - slogans painted on Hazleton vivisection labs.

Paris, France - 4 hens and 5 rabbits rescued from vivisection lab. at a university and about £500 damage done.

Late Nov: Daventry, Northants - slogans painted at battery egg farm run by nuns.

Bexley, Kent - car belonging to director of firm, which makes cages for lab. animals, paintstrippered.



Manager Keith Parnell with the burned-out delivery van

AN EXTREMIST animal rights group today said its members started fires which caused £10,000 damage to a Bedworth abattoir.

The arson attack last night was carried out by fanatics from the Animal Liberation Front.

The same group recently mounted the hoax that Mars bars had been injected with rat poison.

A spokesman warned more attacks could follow. "Any place connected with the meat industry is a target for us," he said.

In last night's blaze at Smith's Abattoir in Park Road at Bedworth two vehicles and an office were damaged.

Inside the abattoir buildings 30 lambs and 30 pigs were being kept overnight and a spokesman at the company said: "If they are so concerned about animal welfare, why risk burning them alive?"

Today abattoir operators in Coventry and Warwickshire were stepping up security.

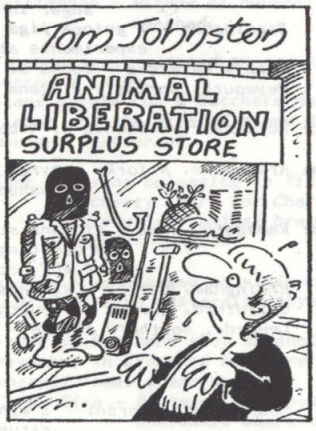
Police in the county are already on alert because of the threat posed by animal rights campaigners prepared to take criminal action. Extra patrols have been mounted for the run-up to Christmas to protect farms and butchers both from extremists and thieves.

Controlled

Inflammable liquid was poured over a cattle truck and a delivery van at Smith's last night. The intruders also poured fluid through the letterbox of the office.

Both vehicles were badly damaged but the blaze was noticed quickly by a neighbour and brought under control by firemen whose station is just across the road. Three separate fires had been started.

Coventry Evening Telegraph
5th December 84



Evening Standard
2nd January 85

Raid exposes Zoo cruelty

On the night of Tuesday 17th December '84, 5 members of the ALF broke into Broxbourne Zoo (Paradise Park) in Hertfordshire, via the main gates which had carelessly been left open. Due to the complete lack of security, we quickly secured the release of one Coati Mundi, which was suffering terribly due to the diabolical conditions it was living under. We found the animal very easy to catch, a fact we can only put down to his being so very hungry that when we placed a carrying cage baited with food in front of him, he gladly obliged us by walking straight inside.

The cage the unfortunate animal was being kept in was nowhere near large enough, being barely 4' x 5' (the size of the average lavatory). It contained no branches, platforms etc. which, to an arboreal (tree living) animal like the Coati Mundi, are an absolute necessity.

On examining the animal, before taking it to more suitable accomodation, we found the animal to be extremely thin and very cold, wet and covered in filth. This, we believe, was due to bad feeding and the damp, dirty straw which was the only bedding made available to it, at this disgusting mismanaged 'zoo'.

The sores on the animals tail and legs are now well on the mend. His tail, which was practically bald, is starting to show a new coating of hair, and his painfully thin frame is starting to fill out on his new well-balanced diet, as recommended by our sympathetic vet. The vet also told us that had this animal been left at the zoo under those conditions for any longer, it would by now have died a very painful and lingering death, due entirely to mismanagement and total neglect.

The lack of care and attention shown to the animals, and the general second-rate keepership employed by those 'looking after' them, at Paradise Park is illustrated very well by the fact that the Coati Mundis liberation went completely unnoticed by everyone at the zoo for an entire morning until a reporter, visiting the zoo after a tip-off, discovered the empty cage with the door wide open early in the afternoon.

The zoos manager has denied that the Coati Mundi was suffering in any way but the camera does not lie, and as the photos we took prove, even after a month of specialist veterinary treatment, the animal is still not completely well. To try and explain the ridiculously small cage that the animal was living in, Mr. Sampson claimed that the cage was only temporary, as the Coati Mundi was in hibernation, so he did not need much room. We know for a fact that that the animal had been in the same cage for at least four months, which is hardly temporary, and a quick 'phone call to London Zoo confirmed what we already knew, namely that Coati Mundi do not hibernate!

We decided to release the photographs of the rescued animal to the press to dispel the rumour, started by Mr. Sampson, that in rescuing and moving the animal we could well have killed it. Mr. Sampson has at least admitted that the Coati Mundis mate died a few months ago. It was to prevent the same fate befalling this animal that we considered it necessary to rescue it.

(Photo in the next newsletter).

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«.....freedom is what it deserves.»

by ralph cooke

In reply to Julie Weston's criticism of the article on mink release in the August issue of the SG Bulletin, I would like to say that most of what she said would be open to argument requiring far more space than this newsletter could provide before agreement on the major points could be reached. Further, although most of what Julie Weston says is logical, I have found that when dealing with wildlife problems logic never provides all the answers. For these, in depth research is necessary.

In preparing my last article I read and re-read over fifty scientific papers on mink, studies conducted in the field on both wild mink and recently escaped mink and in the laboratory, again using both wild and escaped mink. These studies were supplemented by information gathered by myself from scientists, farmers and countryfolk, from the Ministry of Agriculture and from my own observations of wild mink. Julie Weston does not actually say that she has cared for escaped or wild mink but she does imply it - for myself, I would not bother looking after any but injured mink for they are quite capable of looking after themselves.

Dealing with Julie Weston's points in turn, it is true that newly escaped mink tend to prey upon domestic animals (poultry, rabbits and guinea pigs) when they are available; while this may create animosity towards mink in those who lose 'valued' animals to mink predation it can make little difference whether those mink kill wild animals or 'slaves' of human beings. Most mink hunts are not in existence merely because aggrieved farmers became aware of the so-called 'mink menace', they have been created by hunters with time on their hands at the end of the fox and hare hunting season. Rat-proofing pet and poultry runs is not difficult.

Julie Weston's most important point is that mass releases of mink lead to a large number of predators in one small area competing for food to the detriment of natural wildlife. It is, however, neither based on fact nor theory. Most mass releases of mink have led to very few actual escapes, most mink returning to the fur farm in search of food or being live-trapped in the vicinity of the farm. This is best avoided by taking the mink away in sacks and releasing them some distance from the farm (perhaps ten miles). If this is done of course the animals could be released in small groups thus avoiding the spectre of hundreds of ravening, vicious carnivores eating their way across the countryside (an unlikely image, but much beloved of our sensationalist press).

Meanwhile, what happens to those few mink that do escape? Yes, some will kill domestic stock and pets, a few will die (especially if released in winter), some will kill helpless animals (if released in spring when there are young birds and animals all over the countryside), but if released in autumn and summer the great majority of them will quickly learn to kill 'natural' prey and disperse. Laboratory studies of the learning abilities of farmed mink have shown that inexperienced mink are capable of catching and killing fish for food within hours of being introduced to water. The instinct to hunt and to kill is, in other words, still complete even after generations of captive breeding. Minks natural prey, small birds, small mammals, fish and amphibians and invertebrates present no problems to such animals, death comes quickly to them. Julie Weston has kept polecat ferrets, thus she will know how quickly they are able to kill. As a youngster I used to ferret for rabbits and was always surprised at how naturally the ferrets killed their first prey. Mink are the same.

As for dispersal, Julie Weston asks where these mink are supposed to disperse. Animals are continually dying in the wild, creating ready made home territories for wandering, homeless creatures to take over. For wild mink life is short, death both natural and artificial (by mankind) are constant hazards, work by Ian Linn in Devon has shown that on one particular Devon river, mink rarely live in one place for more than a few months before dying or moving on. Thus there are always vacant territories to occupy. Mink released in autumn will merely add to the large number of young wild mink seeking territories like them, released mink take their chances at finding a home, at least in the wild they get a chance. Released mink in summer have the advantage of taking up residence in territories left unoccupied after the rigours of winter and before the years young have left their natal territories in search of new homes.

Mink, while searching for territories are known to be capable of travelling ten or twelve miles a day, following river banks and being moved on by territory holders. Clearly even a few hundred mink could be well dispersed in less than a week. This process is the natural one for restoring the balance which Julie Weston claims is destroyed by mass releases.



Oldham Evening Chronicle
23rd November 84

"You hypocrite! You only joined because I said I wanted a fur coat for Christmas".

Finally I must question Julie Weston's analysis of the animal rights ethic - she claims that liberation of animals is the most easy part and that responsibility for an animals future is the real challenge. I disagree, in the case of an animal which we know to be fully capable of living in the wild (as mink have shown themselves to be), release is the end of our responsibility. If an individual mink once it is released dies of a natural cause, common to its wild relatives then fair enough, that is how mink are supposed to live and, yes, to die, even to suffer. All wild animals are destined to suffer at some time, that's a callous fact, but fact it is. Animal rightists may endeavour to alleviate suffering in individual cases (by killing a myxomatosis affected rabbit for example), but our primary task is to change the one-sided human - animal relationship and when possible allow animals the freedom to follow their own destinies.

One last word, anyone thinking of providing a home for a released mink ought to change their mind, rescue and rehabilitation is fine for ill-treated pets, vivisection laboratory victims and farm animals, but a rescued mink is a half-wild animal, captivity is alien to its basic instinctive make-up; freedom is what it desires when it bites at the cage floor or wire, and freedom is what it deserves.

TRAITORS

At a meeting on January 13th the BUAV committee refused to pay the ALF any compensation for the lock-out of the ALF Press Office from BUAV premises in April 1984.

The BUAV had been told that any compensation was to be put towards funding sanctuaries for rescued animals - so their refusal has condemned many animals, which would otherwise have been saved, to torture and death in vivisection laboratories. This is in addition to the animals which suffered and died as a result of the disruption to the ALF caused by the original lock-out.

And we always thought that the aim of the BUAV was to prevent the suffering of animals!

Traitors to the animals at the BUAV committee meeting were Steve McIvor (who proposed a motion that the ALF should get no compensation), Steve Spencer (who seconded it), Alan Cheeseman, Chris Fisher, Marcia Guess, John Hale and Sheila Kilvington (who all voted for it) and Office Manager Margaret Manzoni who spoke in favour of the motion. With 'friends' like these the animals don't need enemies.

On the other hand we would like to thank BUAV committee members Margaret House, Beryl Spence and Joan Watson who voted against the motion (and who took no part in the April '84 decision to expel the Press Office) and BUAV Hon. Treasurer Peter Grant who stated that the BUAV had plenty of money and that the ALF should be given what they wanted.

The rapid rise in BUAV membership over recent years was largely due to the fact that they gave the impression of being a radical, go-ahead organization which supported the activists. Statements in the BUAV newspaper 'Liberator' purporting to support the ALF and the reporting of ALF activities caused a good deal of money to flow into the BUAVs coffers but rather than give some of this to the ALF the BUAV committee prefer to see large amounts of it go towards ineffectual political campaigning.



And far from supporting the ALF the BUAV has in practical terms caused the ALF great damage through the ejection of the Press Office and the refusal of compensation for doing so.

So, by means of a massive con-trick, the BUAV has ridden to fame and fortune on the backs of the activists - stabbing them in the back with one hand while pretending to shake them by the hand with the other.

It is now time for SG members and other animal rights campaigners to withdraw support from the BUAV. Rapidly falling BUAV membership figures indicate that many people have already seen through their deception. And when considering where to send your next donation or to whom to leave your legacy it is worth remembering that, despite being in existence since the turn of the century and having substantial funds and a large paid staff, the BUAV has rescued few, if any, animals from vivisection - whereas the ALF, which was only formed in 1976 and is run on a shoestring budget entirely by volunteers has saved many, many thousands.

RSW

With regard to the comment made in the Oct. newsletter relating to the running of the SG, it has been pointed out to us that more than one person was involved in its running.

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BEAGLE RESCUE

On the evening of Saturday 20th October, animal rights activists forced their way into the premises of Bantin and Kingman, laboratory animal suppliers, Aldbrough, near Hull.

We rescued a pregnant beagle bitch which had been kept in disgusting conditions ie. kept on a bare concrete floor without bedding and lying in her own excrement with no food or water. When we approached the dog she cowered away with fear.

We took her to a sympathetic vet who treated her for sores which were caused by lying on solid concrete flooring. This dog has now been found a good home. Within thirty six hours of her rescue she gave birth to nine healthy puppies.

The most soul destroying part of the raid was having to leave behind other animals in equally disgusting conditions which have no future except at the hands of the merciless scientists in the vivisection laboratories.

Prior to the raid on Bantin and Kingman, activists cut their way through fences at Reckett and Colman vivisection laboratories in Hull. After failing to gain access they sprayed slogans all over buildings in red paint so they could be clearly seen from the roadside.

Yours for the animals,

YORKSHIRE ALF

THE REAL..

In April 1984 the ALF were almost forcibly evicted from the small office space which the BUAV had, until then, allowed the Press Office to use. The ALF Press Officer Ronnie Lee had in fact used a desk at the BUAV premises since September 1981, when the so-called radicals took over the BUAV Committee. This act of forced expulsion ended what had been a somewhat stormy attempt at unity between two very separate sections of the animal rights movement. Many ALF members as far back as 1981 were of the opinion that it would be through the strength of direct action alone that the end of commercial animal abuse would be achieved. The BUAV at that time was of the opinion that it alone could lead the movement to victory. It set about producing the best leaflets, the most impressive merchandise and a new campaigning paper which was sympathetic to direct action - they even hijacked the word liberator. They were determined to be seen as the head of the animal rights movement and this could only be achieved by getting the ALF firmly behind them.

However, they were always political campaigners and as such they wanted direct action to coincide with their parliamentary campaigns. To them direct action was best if it constituted a threat rather than a reality. Politicians were to believe that the BUAV had the militants in check and that they had to come up with some concessions if they were to be kept under control. Meanwhile the direct action supporters were urged to wait for just one more major attempt to put animals into politics. In 1981 Lord Houghton and Clive Hollands formally wrote to the ALF and the NALL asking for an end to direct action in the hope that this would impress parliament and they would order the freeing of animals from abuse. The BUAV eventually realised that the ALF were not joking when they said that it would only be when the last laboratory lay in ruins that vivisection would be at an end - and evicted them in the most damaging way possible.

However, the BUAV cannot operate without some form of <u>apparent</u> connection with direct action and with the emergence of the SEALL as a new and powerful force for vivisectors to reckon with they chose to align themselves with this new group, obviously mistaking the SEALLs tactical decision not to damage property as somehow showing more respect for law and disorder and, desperate to be seen supporting the activists, the BUAV try to stand in front of them. It is of course most unlikely that the SEALL activists involved in their break-ins believed that the most important consequence of their actions was the possibility of a future labour government. The absurdity of such a suggestion shows what little hope the political campaigners have to offer, particularly as the labour party is not even opposed to vivisection.

The BUAV and the League Against Cruel Sports have, in the past, tried to incorporate the direct action movement into their political campaigns. However, political campaigners only support the threat of direct action and they have no use for activists who are on bail or in prison. The SEALL and the NALL are likely to find that the front page Liberator headlines they got for their raids will not be matched when the court cases arrive. When the BUAV support dries up these groups may well decide that no lasting alliance can be forged with the political campaigners.

The launch of the Direct Action Animal Bulletin earlier this year finally sealed the end to any reliance that the direct action movement had with the political campaigners. There was a time when people would go out and rescue animals from labs. believing that it would assist the political campaign.- we are now reaching the stage where local animal rights groups see themselves as direct action support groups. So now we see the emergence of two separate movements, one believes in direct action as the only realistic hope animals have and the other believes in the bosses parliament. It is not surprising that many of the most ardent political campaigners are middle class, their position in class society endears them to the institutions that have given them the privileges which are available only at the expense of human oppression.

<u>THE REAL DEBATE.</u>

We no longer need to argue for the necessity of direct action - the real debate is about the tactics and practice of a direct action movement.

For the first time we are seeing actions being taken which, although they are militant and although they are causing damage to the profits of animal abusers, are causing concern within the direct action movement, not because they are too militant but because they are indiscriminate. The contamination threats to products which are bought by ordinary people should not occur again because they introduce one more element of fear into the lives of ordinary people who are not responsible for the power structure of society that chooses to oppress animals. Neither do they benefit from the oppression of animals, they merely endure it in the same way they endure unemployment, bad housing, racism and all the other shit that you can't avoid unless you are in the affluent class. It is largely isolation from the real world that prevents affinity with the oppression of people. Those that believe that the unemployed 'don't want to work', the striking miners are agents of the devil, the national front have the right to their opinion and that battered wives are their own worst enemy, such people also tend to believe that it does ordinary people good to be shaken up by the threat of a poisoned turkey. Such people ignore the fact that only one small section of the human population <u>benefit</u> from the oppression of animals.

It is the same social class that benefits from animal abuse that also benefits from selling riot vehicles to the fascist governments of Chile and Argentina to oppress their own people, that also benefits from the building of nuclear power plants at the expense of the health of Uranium miners in Namibia and the livelihood of British coal miners.

The direct action animals movement must define itself in terms of opposition to oppression and, in that context, define what style direct action will take. We are opposed to the oppression of animals, we recognise that the commercial oppression of animals is allowed to continue and is in fact defended by the state because it benefits the ruling class in this society. Our intention is to destroy that benefit. This will occur through systematic acts of sabotage designed to make the oppression of animals more trouble than it is worth. Our natural enemies are those people who have a vested interest in the oppression of

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animals and those elements within the state who will defend the abusers of animals as an act of solidarity. The combined forces of our natural enemies are enormous, we have no need to make any more by indiscriminate acts which cause distress to those who are not our natural enemies. More importantly, it is just another kick in the teeth to people who are already trodden on.

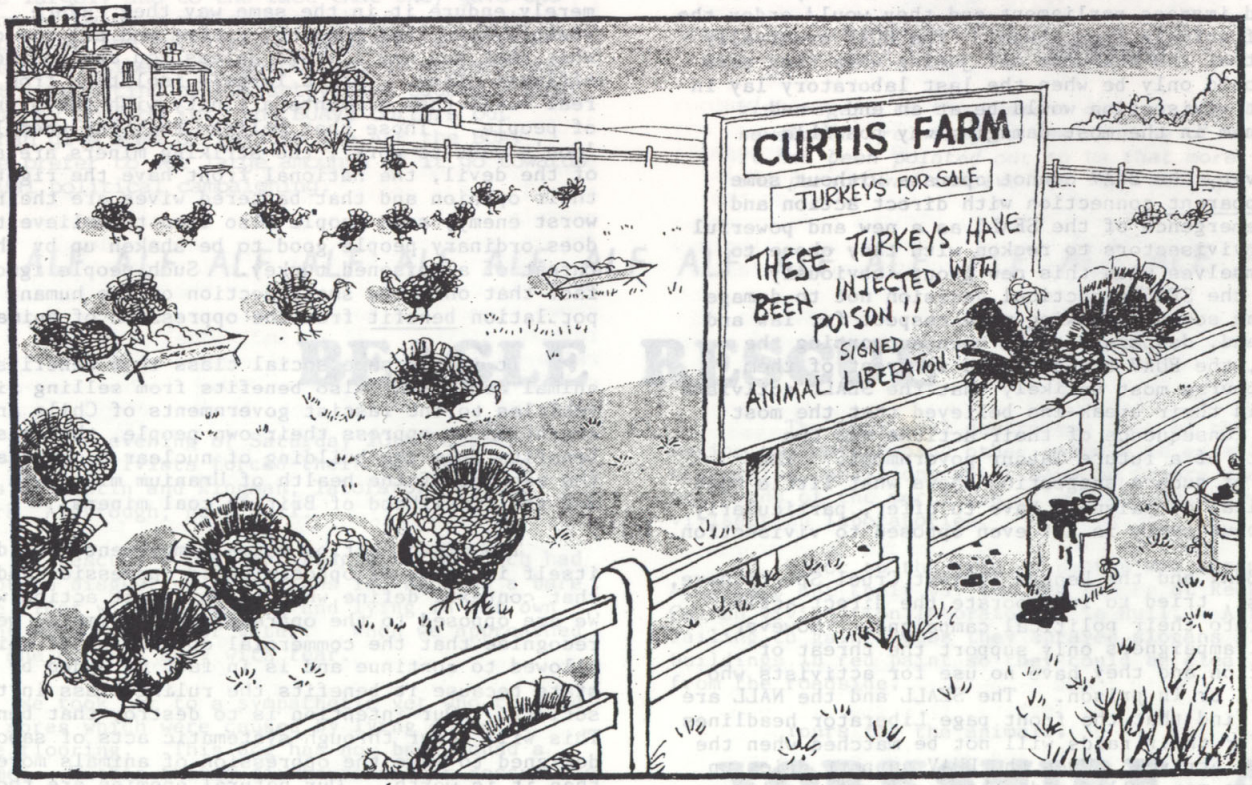
As the struggle for animal rights develops there will be more and more occasions when suggestions for tactics are unacceptable to the mainstream of the movement and it will be necessary for groups to define what is an appropriate tactic and what is not. For this reason it will be necessary to see the regionalisation of direct action support groups and press liason. Already some ALF groups are prefixing their names, for example there is the Combined Counties ALF and the Merseyside ALF. In other areas there are direct action groups who could supply spokespersons for the movement. Regional autonomy within the direct action movement is a necessity and it will become increasingly necessary for groups to be judged by their actions and for ordinary people to be able to distinguish between the animal liberators and people bashers. Otherwise we will all be held responsible should someone plant a bomb in a crowded Boots store and claim it was the work of the ALF.

CB

There are many problems with C.B's article, not least that it is hysterical and mis-directed. It contains many misconceptions, and some complete falsehoods. The main problem in answering it, is that it cleverly mixes already accepted ideas with reactionary nonsense. This makes it difficult to attack the contentious issues without appearing to condemn the article totally.

It is not true that there is widespread concern about the Mars Bars and Turkey actions within the direct action movement. From my experience, the vast majority of ALF activists and supporters totally agree with the campaigns as do most animal rights people generally. There will always be the odd few who are fooled by press hysteria or by their respective animal rights group leaders.

That there is concern among the general public cannot be denied, and this is regrettable. At the same time it is inevitable. We should understand that it is the media, not the ALF, who have terrified the general public. The purpose of the media is to defend their vested interests, which it achieves by twisting public opinion, and when that fails, by putting the fear of god into them. When this happens, you can be certain that you have been successful because the vested interests (Mars company, Matthews Turkeys etc.) have been threatened. Surely we should be able to see through this. The alternative is to allow the media to dictate our actions and methods, which is exactly what they are trying to do. By the same token, the press could warn the public to lock all their doors and windows, as the ALF have been attacking the homes of scientists and fur traders. Would C.B. then condemn these actions also?



Daily Mail December 84

'She's not just a tasty bird—She's got brains'

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THE REAL..

It is ridiculous to start classifying our 'natural enemies', just as it is to say that only the affluent class benefits from animal exploitation. How the hell can we smash the meat industry without putting the working class butcher out of business, or the underpaid, overworked farm labourer on the dole? The fact is that we have a socio-economic systen which is based on animal suffering. It is extremely naive to believe that we can achieve animal liberation without affecting the less affluent to some extent.

The argument that people who agree with the turkey scares, also believe that the national front have a right to their opinion etc. is so conceited and hysterical that it isn't worthy of reasonable debate. Such nonsense is usually reserved for the 'Sun' or 'Daily Mail', or even the 'Meat Trades Journal'.

Regardless of the inevitable rhetoric, history will bear witness to the courage and achievement of the activists involved.' Millions of pounds worth of economic damage was caused to animal abusers, all of them quite affluent. No-one, rich or poor, was poisoned or harmed in any way. Indeed, although there were turkey scares in over 30 towns and cities, all but one of these were hoaxes.

It may be conceded that these actions may lose some public sympathy for the animal rights movement, but such oratory is puerile and empty considering the number of animals' lives that are saved by such actions.

Complaints that activists have 'gone too far this time' are nothing new to the animal rights movement. We heard the same whinings when the HSA began to sabotage grouse shooting, when activists started attacking the homes and cars of scientists, and more recently when the movement finally came out against angling. These tactics are now regarded as acceptable, and in a few years time the same will be said about the poison scares.

The Observer

I do not wish to take sides in the debate as to whether poison scares are a good or bad tactic but rather to point out some of the dangers inherent in such activity.

I agree with C.B. that the general public should not be a target for ALF actions - but this is for somewhat different reasons than those he puts forward.

C.B. displays an unwarranted sympathy with 'ordinary people' which seems, from the style of his article, to be based largely on marxist/socialist misconceptions.

Ordinary people, by and large, <u>are</u> responsible for the power structure of society, as it is their failure to combat that power structure and their acquiescence in it that allows it to continue. They <u>are</u> responsible for the fact that they would rather drink in the pub or watch Coronation Street than do battle for a better world, and for the fact that they prefer mediocrity and a humdrum existence to a life lived with passion and the exciting prospects of revolutionary change.

The world of Keith Waite



Daily Mirror 17th December 84

". . and don't forget the weedkiller for the turkeys, dear."

There is, in a sense, a collusion between the bosses and 'ordinary people' to create the nightmare which is everyday life in the 'technologically advanced' societies. We will not destroy the nightmare by glorifying ordinary people or 'the working class', nor through the crushing boredom of sanitized socialism, but by carrying out actions which shake ordinary people out of the rut of their tiny lives and make them realise the possibility of, really living (as distinct from merely surviving) in a different world.

> *"How is daily life to be reinvented? By creating <u>situations</u> that jolt people out of customary ways of thinking and behaving.....we have to see through the Spectacle, destroy the stage sets, know that there are other ways of doing things."*
>
> *(Carol Ehrlich)*

Ordinary people, on the whole, <u>do not</u> 'endure' the oppression of animals. Only those people who care about the wellbeing of animals endure such oppression - and they are to a large extent made to endure it by the majority of 'ordinary people' who do not lift a finger to fight animal abuse. C.B. seems not to understand that human beings <u>as a species</u> (apart from a few enlightened individuals) have for thousands of years viciously oppressed and persecuted all the other animal species. His concern for 'ordinary people' in this context is as irrelevant as being concerned for the fate of the less well-off concentration camp guards in the context of the nazi persecution.

DANGER.

I believe, however, that C.B. is correct in his assertion that animal liberation will come 'through systematic acts of sabotage designed to make the oppression of animals more trouble than it is worth'.

In order to achieve an end to all animal persecution many, many thousands of these acts of sabotage will need to be carried out and this demands that a very large number of people be active in the ALF and other direct action groups. These people will need to come from the broad-based animal rights movement - so this means that the overall campaign on behalf of animals will need to have a very large intake from the general public into its ranks.

If actions are carried out which have the effect of alienating the general public in too great a degree from the animal rights movement we may find that the number of potential activists, and thus our chances of eventual victory, could be drastically reduced.

Supporters of the poison scares could no doubt argue that, because they were either hoaxes or because adequate warning was given, these actions were not targetted at the public but rather at big businesses which make vast profits through animal abuse. They could also argue that, despite the fact that some people were obviously alienated by such activities, enough others were made aware of the issue and animal abuse businesses damaged to such an extent to have made the actions, on balance, worthwhile.

Whatever the strength of such arguments, I feel that one thing is clear: that it would not take much more to tip the balance in the wrong direction. And if someone had actually been poisoned after eating a Mars Bar or a turkey or blinded after using shampoo there is little doubt that this would have been the case.

Of course it was not the intention of any of the activists responsible for the poison scares to injure ordinary members of the public - but activists must look further than their own intentions and take into consideration the intentions and machinations of the authorities and the state. Firstly, there is no doubt that the authorities are becoming more and more desperate to discredit and destroy the ALF. The ALF and other direct action groups are perhaps the greatest threat to its own existence that the state has ever known - because time and again we are showing people that we do not need politicians or governments but that we all can achieve things through our own actions and by our own hands. Secondly, the authorities do not give a toss for the well being of ordinary people and care only about preserving their own power and control.

Thus it would not be at all beyond the desires or ability of the authorities to organise the deaths of ordinary people in an attempt to bring down the ALF. And if agents of the state are sent forth with real poison to turn the next hoax into a tragic and crippling reality, who will believe us when we say we weren't to blame?

Captain Kirk

DAVID LANGDON



"Fred! Man from Mars."

Sunday Mirror
November 84

Time Out

Nov 29th - Dec 5th '84

2ND OPINION

Ronnie Lee, *Press Officer of the Animal Liberation Front, defends last week's Mars bar incident.*

The gutter press reached new levels of hypocrisy and hysteria in its reporting of the Animal Liberation Front's Mars bar poison hoax. Great play was made of the stories that a few people had been frightened after consuming 'poisoned' Mars bars (which, in fact, had not been poisoned), but there was very little mention of the much greater suffering and death imposed on monkeys in tooth decay experiments financed by Mars.

A few scared people makes headline news, and those who scared them are branded as 'fanatics', 'extremists', 'beneath contempt', 'maniacs' and 'crackpots'. The fact that millions of animals are tortured in laboratories or imprisoned in factory farms every year in this country hardly ever gets a mention. One national tabloid even carried an 'exclusive' story about how the ALF had admitted: 'We don't care if people die — animals come first.' It was bound to be an 'exclusive'. The story was a lie.

It comes as no surprise that the newspapers attempt to do down the ALF. They are part of big business and supporters of it. Animal exploitation is big business too. And the ALF's campaign is beginning to severely damage those business interests.

No rat poison was ever put into any Mars bars on sale in the shops. But in order to inflict economic loss and disrupton on the Mars company, it had to be claimed, at least for a while, that there had been. Warnings, together with Mars bars which *had* been impregnated with a small amount of rat poison, were delivered to the BBC and the *Sunday Mirror*. But the authorities took an inordinately, and no doubt deliberately, long time to act upon them. This hold-up resulted in a delay in the clearing of Mars bars from confectioners' shelves and caused a few of the public to come into possession of bars which had not been poisoned, but which contained notes regarding painful animal experiments financed by the Mars company. Some unintended anxiety was therefore caused to the public - but then, of course, the authorities are far more interested in discrediting the ALF than in protecting ordinary people. A statement by a National Poisons Centre spokesman that 'one bar containing rat poison sold over the counter would be harmless' was given a small mention by one national newspaper, but ignored by the rest.

The inaccurate and frenzied reporting of the Mars bar incident by much of the media will no doubt have turned some people away from the animal rights campaign and against the ALF. But, on the other hand, more people than ever before are aware of the suffering of animals in research laboratores — and some of them will act upon that awareness. And, perhaps most important of all, the Mars company has been punished for their part in cruel animal experiments. Hopefully they will now be deterred from doing the same again and, with luck, that deterrent effect will apply to other firms involved in animal research or thinking of being so.

People opposed to tyranny against animals have, until now, been peaceful and lawful in their protests. Hardly surprisingly, given the vast vested interests involved, they achieved virtually nothing. So now we have the Animal Liberation Front, which conducts nearly 2,000 raids a year in England and has quickly built up activity in many other parts of the world. Millions of pounds worth of damage has been caused to property connected with animal persecution. Hundreds of thousands of animals have been saved.

In the face of massive cruelty to animals and considerable violence to ourselves, the animal liberation movement has exercised considerable restraint. In the eight years of our existence we have seriously injured nobody. So much for 'violence' and irresponsibility' accorded to us by MPs and the Press.

It isn't what *they say*, but what *we do* that matters. And we will fight on, not just for the animals, but for ourselves and humanity, in our demand to be part of a species that is not cowardly and cruel but noble, compassionate and dignified towards the rest of creation.

It should also be noted that the rat poison put into the Mars Bars delivered to the media was Alphakil - a brand which is not harmful to human beings unless taken in massive doses. The authorities without doubt discovered this almost immediately through forensic tests. It is interesting that they did not reveal their findings until several days later. If the powers that be were concerned about allaying public anxiety this fact would have been made known straight away.

R.L.

RABBITS RESCUED

On 14th December 1984, approximately 50 rabbits were taken from a smallholding at Cross Roads, nr. Keighley, West Yorkshire. These, we believe were being bred for meat and fur. They have now been found homes. The owner concerned was 'hopping' mad, (a Mr. Jeffrey Webb) and told the newspapers a right load of rubbish about how he discovered dead rabbits everywhere following the night-time attack. At the smallholding there were three guard dogs, chained up, living in upturned steel drums. Only one was approachable but unfortunately we did not have a home for it. It was noticed that it cowered a lot, no doubt 'trained' by its owner. All the guard dogs were kept relatively quiet with a large marrow bone apiece, which we don't suppose they had ever had before.

The newspapers used, the Telegraph and Argus, Bradford, and the Keighley News, Keighley, were sent a long statement from the ALF plus photographs of the rabbits. No photographs appeared, and the only comment from the statement was one which described the smallholding by the raiders as a 'shantytown'. A lot of nonsensical rubbish spouted by the owner was printed. Again, like the nationals, we find the newspapers are printing biased, one-sided rubbish and missing the whole point of the exercise. We have wondered whether to even bother informing them next time. There was absolutely no mention of the dogs living conditions, even though this was described in graphic detail to the papers.

PS. Mr. Webb informed the paper the rabbits were just about to go for slaughter.

ALF



"I'd like to join the Animal Liberation Front, but I don't really have room."

We want to hear from ALF Supporters (not activists) who are willing to get together with other supporters in their area to organise local ALF Support Group activities - fund raising, public meetings, leafletting sessions etc. More and more animal liberationists are getting arrested and these local supporters should be willing to help cater for the welfare of activists arrested in their area - taking vegan food to the police stations and prisons where activists are held, organising visiting rotas for the prisoners, organising demonstrations outside the police stations, prisons and court rooms, setting up Defence Funds, putting people up overnight, leafletting, talking to the local media etc. The first step is to write and let us know if you want to be involved in setting up a local Support Group in your area. Write to ALF SG, BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX.

LETTERS

Send your letters to:
'Letters Page',
ALF SG,
BCM 1160,
London,
WC1N 3XX.

Dear Sirs,

During the recent scare of the Mars bars poisoning, which fortunately turned out to be a hoax, I was so annoyed at all the criticism the ALF was getting that I wrote a letter to the MP David Mellor, who is supposed to have some Parliamentary connection with animal welfare, and enclose a copy herewith for your interest.

I must say that had the Mars bars really been poisoned I would not support this, simply because random poisoning like that might hit the wrong people, animal lovers like myself whose only desire is to help them. That would be my only complaint - as to people who are cruel to animals and exploit them, I always wisn I could exterminate them.

I have supported you in a small way for years and only wish I could do far more, but I am only a few years off 70 and have very little more than just one pension to live on, out of which I not only support you, but quite a few other animal charities, besides having five cats of my own, so you will see from this that, though I have the desire to help a lot more, I just haven't got the means. I have, however, just increased my monthly donation to you by £1.

Good luck to all of you in your constant efforts to help our poor animals who are so monstrously exploited in so many ways.

691 London.

PS. To date, I have had no reply to my letter to David Mellor.

Dear ALF,

As a new member of ALF SG I have just received my first Bulletin and was gratified to read the impressive list of actions undertaken May-Sept in the Diary section.

However it was with somewhat less enthusiasm that I noted the large proportion of attacks on butchers premises these actions constituted.

Whilst not doubting the sincerity of intention behind such attacks on these penultimate links in the non-human murder chain I wonder if our energies might not be more usefully expended by directing ourselves towards more selective targets.

Little public sympathy will ensue from smashing butchers windows so long as the vast majority of humans persist in the obscene practice of consuming non-humans.

Would our aims not be better served by concentrating our efforts against the centres of greater abuse such as research (sic) labs. and factory/fur "farms"?

By their very nature these evil establishments are farther removed from public sympathy and prejudice than is "Stan the butcher". Their damage and, hopefully, destruction would engender less public reaction and serve to enlighten the man in the street to the atrocities committed therein.

Ultimately our aim must be to abolish from this planet all forms of violation of non-human rights but expediency dictates that we should proceed with more discrimination.

In short, hit fewer but hit harder.

2102 Lothian.

To change your telephone number costs £11 plus VAT.

To have your calls intercepted by the operator costs £25 and lasts for 2 weeks only also costing £1 per day up until the 14th day.

The BFSS regional organisers are loathe to change their numbers for obvious reasons. SG members who want to do something tangible could follow my lead in this.

1346 Hants.

THE LEAGUE AGAINST CRUEL SPORTS

TRAITORS

League Against Cruel Sports director, meat-eater Dick Course, continues to condemn the ALF with an ever increasing degree of hysteria. It seems he is afraid that ALF actions might upset his friends at Westminster - not that they have ever done anything to help the animals, nor are likely to unless there is a massive increase in direct action.

Courses sidekick (some would say puppet) John Bryant is more than keen to join in the condemnation. It is very sad to see how this once good man has sold out on his principles.

League T-shirt salesman Jim Barrington called upon LACS members to shop the Duke of Beaufort grave-diggers to the police and committee member Bob August (a former HSA Chairman whom they are now well rid of) said that he would do so himself if he knew who they were. Neither of these pathetic characters is fit to kiss the arses of the two excellent activists John Curtin and Terry Helsby on remand in Bristol prison charged with desecrating the grave of the evil animal torturer.

In view of this despicable behaviour by League Against Cruel Sports officials those who currently support the League financially or otherwise may prefer instead to support the Hunt Saboteurs Association, PO Box 19, London, SE22 9LR, an organization which spends its time saving hunted animals rather than condemning activists.

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Attack on grave denounced

By Joe Ravitch

The "Hunt Retribution Squad", which desecrated the Duke of Beaufort's grave on Christmas night, was "simply a bunch of terrorists and should be exposed and stopped", a spokesman for the League Against Cruel Sports claimed yesterday.

Mr Jim Barrington said that the squad's actions damaged the efforts of the campaign to ban hunting.

"You can't ask for a change in the law, while breaking the law", Mr Barrington said.

According to the league, which has been trying to ban field sports since 1924 and has 18,000 members, the squad is part of a "strange, anarchist element in the anti-hunt movement, which is totally unrepresentative of the movement as a whole".

The league has enlisted the backing of the Labour and Liberal parties in its efforts to ban hunting, and says that the desecration of the duke's grave will discredit their efforts.

"What they did to the duke's grave was inhuman. He wasn't so much cruel, as simply outdated. The real cruelty is carried out by the young hunters who know what they are doing when they inflict pain on animals", Mr Barrington said.

Daily Telegraph 28/12/84

Mr Jim Bonnington, promotions manager of the League Against Cruel Sports said there had recently been increasing concern over anarchist involvement in the campaign.

He said that the lunatic fringe, who inevitably got the biggest headlines for outrageous acts, were jeopardising the gains made by the League and other related pressure groups. The main trust of the campaign was in Parliament, where the Labour party and the Liberals had adopted an anti-bloodsport stance.

"The way to stop hunting is by changing the law, not breaking it. You can't have it both ways. We would advise our members to co-operate with the police in tracking down these people, to come forward if they know who is involved," he said.

Mr Bob August, a former secretary of the Hunt Saboteurs Association, said: "If I knew who these people were, I would turn them in. They can do us nothing but harm."

The Times Dec 28 '84

"The ALF are insincere nut cases, and what they are doing is making it impossible for reasonable people to make progress on animal welfare issues," says Richard Course of the League Against Cruel Sports, who are themselves no strangers to radical action in defence of animals.

Most ALF activists, he claims, are anarchists who do not want to see legal reform in the field of animal production. "The best thing they can do for animals is to go off and join the Foreign Legion," he says.

"Their acitivities make us all look like nut cases in the eyes of the public, almost all of whom will be eating turkey this Christmas.

"Legal progress on animal rights is being made. I don't blame the police for doing all they can to track down these nut cases.

"We cannot have this country run by terrorists and mob rule. In the end, that question is more important than cruelty to animals."

The Star (Sheffield) 21st Dec '84

By LEON SYMONS

'Give bullies a hiding'

ANIMAL lovers are advocating violence against people they claim abuse animals.

An article in a bulletin put out by the Animal Liberation Front says: "A bully is always a coward and the best way to deal with bullies is to give them a damn good hiding."

The article, signed simply R.L., says: "Total pacifism is an immoral philosophy.

"There are times when violence has to be used to prevent a greater evil and to refrain from carrying out that violence . . . is to be almost responsible for the greater evil that is allowed to take place."

Accusing huntsmen of picking on the weakest hunt saboteurs to attack, the writer states: "Violence is the only language these people understand."

And while urging the ALF itself to refrain from personal violence, the article says fresh groups could be set up "under new names whose policies do not preclude the use of violence towards animal abusers.

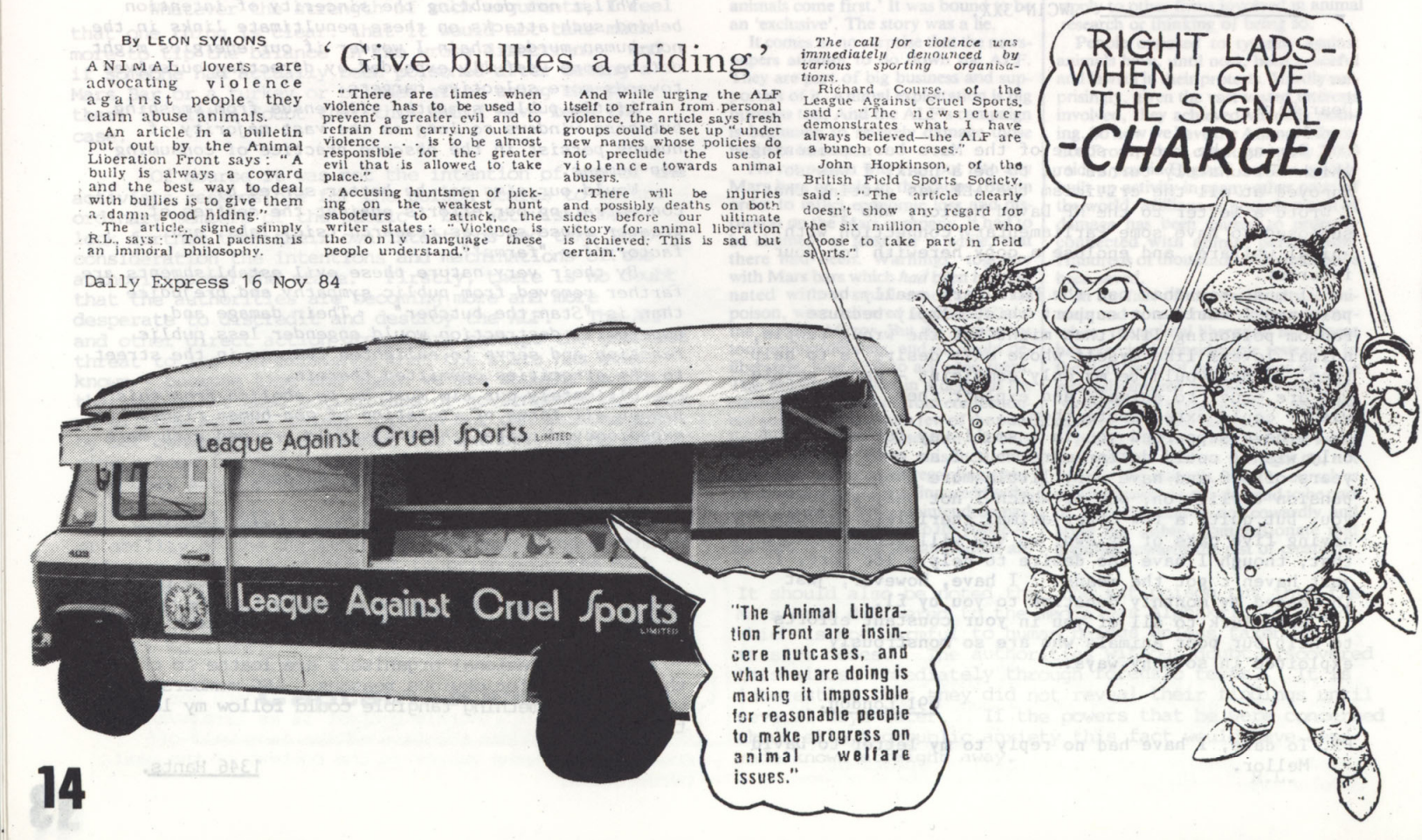
"There will be injuries and possibly deaths on both sides before our ultimate victory for animal liberation is achieved. This is sad but certain."

The call for violence was immediately denounced by various sporting organisations.

Richard Course, of the League Against Cruel Sports, said: "The newsletter demonstrates what I have always believed—the ALF are a bunch of nutcases."

John Hopkinson, of the British Field Sports Society, said: "The article clearly doesn't show any regard for the six million people who choose to take part in field sports."

Daily Express 16 Nov 84



Interview with the Hunt Retribution Squad

Why was the HRS formed?

The majority of current HRS members were all once hunt saboteurs who would go out on a Saturday to peacefully try to save the life of the hunted animal. Unfortunately, most of the time we just ended up getting beaten up by the hunt heavies, and the HRS was formed by a group of us who decided that enough was enough. Instead of just lying back and accepting the violence, as most HSA members do, we would fight back. In fact, we would actually go to a hunt armed to fight.

How many members do you have?

Currently about 90 - 100 members throughout the country. The majority though are in the Southern part of England.

What are your tactics?

We have quite a number of different ways to attack hunting. One way is to actually go to a hunt, pull a hunter off his horse, strip him, hand-cuff him to a tree and paint him red. We want to humiliate them. Another way is to go into their houses at night and rough the hunters up, with the aim of actually putting them in hospital. We will also use weapons such as petrol bombs and shotguns as you will soon see.

How frequent will the actions be?

Well, we really only started the HRS in October, and already we have carried out two major actions. We will dictate the rate of actions ourselves and will not be pressurised by the media. But you can expect to see quite a lot of HRS activity in 1985.

What distinguishes you from the ALF?

The difference between the HRS and the ALF is the question of violence. The ALF, who we obviously totally support, does not wish to harm any human or animal. The HRS though feels that the only way you can fight violence is with violence. Having said that we will always make sure that we never harm any animal or innocent human. I think at one time most of our members wouldn't have wanted to harm anyone - but we have now lost all patience with animal abusers and from now on we will give them a taste of their own medicine.

Will there come a time when you will actually kill a hunter?

In time, yes. We feel it is important to escalate slowly - so at first we will just inflict injuries, which will increase in severity. When a hunter ends up in hospital with very severe injuries, the next stage then would be to actually take a hunter out completely.

Do you have any particular targets?

We have a list of people, some of which got a lot of publicity, such as Jack Charlton, Willie Whitelaw, Michael Heseltine and the Royal Family. We do also have a comprehensive list of hunters such as Nora Harding - master of Staghounds, Rodney Cooper - master of Beagles, Michael Clayton, Tony Jackson, a number of Terriermen and other blood junkies, all of which can expect some attention from the HRS.

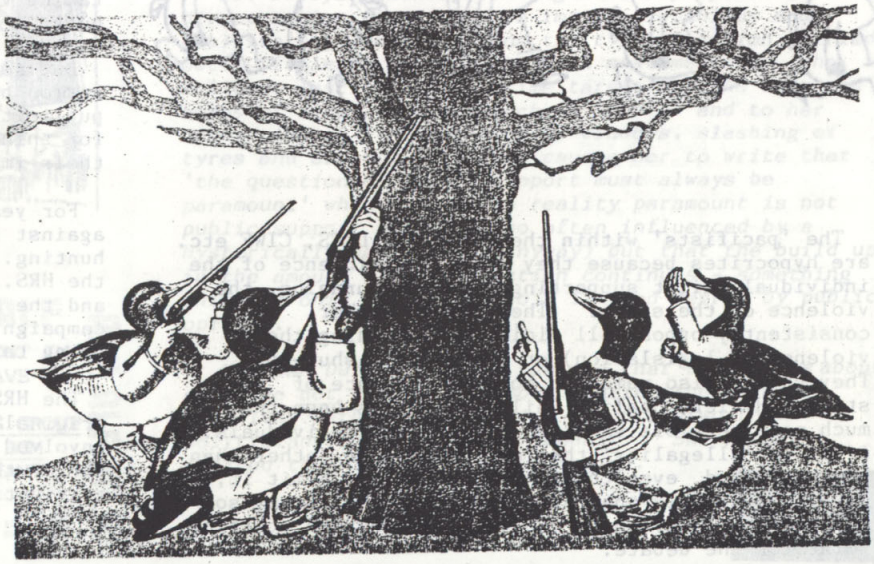
Where can you see the HRS going in 1985?

Well, let's look at the last few months. In October we spread broken glass on the pitch where Jackie Charlton and Jimmy Hill's (both notorious hunters) team were due to play. In December we desecrated the Duke of Beauforts grave. Also in the last few months we have steadily built up an armoury of weapons including knives, knuckle-dusters, club hammers, crow-bars, axes, sledge hammers, chain saws and shotguns. All are safely stored awaiting use. We have also drawn up a comprehensive list of targets we will systematically work through. We gave two promises to the press, one to attack Jack Charlton, which we did, and one to have a Boxing Day coup, which we also did with Beaufort. The HRS is working on its next attack, which will be soon. We will give one promise though for 1985 - we will have a hunter in hospital by the summer.

Does the HRS have any particular policy?

We have a motto in the HRS which is 'a punishment to fit the crime' and that is exactly what we will do. We will punish these animal murderers , the more animals they kill the harder we will punish. That is why we are called the Hunt RETRIBUTION Squad.

It is very important that all correspondence to the ALF or the SG is sent to the proper address BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX. Nothing is to be sent to us at the old Peace News address. All leaflets and literature with the old address on should be either destroyed or clearly corrected.



Henri Galeron

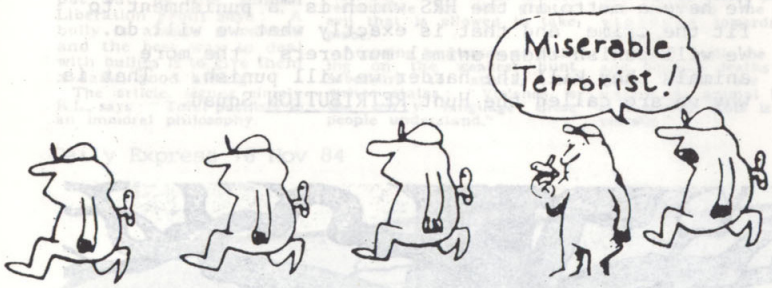
VIOLENCE & RETRIBUTION

It seems to me to be a common fault of animal rights campaigners that they are often unable to properly understand subtleties of argument and so leap to totally inaccurate conclusions about the views of others in the movement.

Thus my article 'On Violence' which appeared in the last SG newsletter has been widely misunderstood and I have been accused of being a far greater advocate of violence than is, in fact, the case. The article argued the case for the careful use of violence in certain circumstances and was a very long way from being a plea for all-out violent action. There is, surprisingly enough, room for many shades of opinion between the two extremes of all-out pacifism and all-out violence - but shades of opinion are something that many people in the movement find it hard to comprehend. One does not have to be a terrorist to believe that total pacifism is a ridiculous and harmful ideology.

Sadly, there are those in the animal rights movement who seem more interested in their own eventual canonisation as saints than in the liberation of animals. Those who would rather see a thousand animals perish in agony than have their own 'holiness' tainted by 'violence'. Their pathetic butter (or should I say Vitaquell)-wouldn't-melt-in-their-mouths posturing would be damning enough - but they are also hypocrites.

They are hypocrites because they do, in fact, support violence and they fail to understand that they are supporters of violence because they fail to understand its nature. All of them support and work for laws to abolish various forms of animal abuse and many of them are involved in organizations that have legislation as their primary aim. They would all support laws which say that people caught vivisecting or hunting should be forcibly arrested and even thrown into prison. What is imprisonment if it is not a form of violence? What is more violent, a sentence of imprisonment or a punch on the nose? The answer is obvious.



The 'pacifists' within the BUAV, the LACS, CIWF etc. are hypocrites because they decry the violence of the individual whilst supporting, even encouraging, the violence of the state. They should either consistently oppose all violence (including the violence of legislation) or they should shut-up. They should also remember how the violence of states (Hitler, Stalin, Chile, Iran) has been that much more terrible than the violence of individuals. If it is 'illegality' they are opposed to rather than violence (and, even though they might not admit it, this is obviously the case) then they should say so - and then at least there would be an accurate starting point for the debate.

But just as the movement must reject pacifism so it must also reject campaigns of terrorism and all-out violence as a means to achieve our aims. There is a world of difference between a violent movement and a movement which sometimes uses violence - and it is the latter, rather than the former, which has the greater chance of success.

We do not need widespread violence to achieve animal liberation. What is needed is a massive increase in the present campaign of damage and animal rescue. Violence should only be used on the occasions where the violence of our enemies prevents us from non-violently carrying out this campaign. Violence should not be shirked from where necessary, but neither should it be used gratuitously where other methods of direct action would be sufficient to achieve our purpose.

Those involved in the direct action movement have already learned from history how peaceful and constitutional protest have failed to bring about animal liberation - they should also allow history to teach them of the failure of terrorist groups to achieve their aims. The reason they fail is that the nature of their activities is such that they are unable to involve enough people in them to create an effective movement.

We must remember that animal liberation will not be achieved unless a large number of people are involved in direct action activities. We must also be aware that most people who are prepared to carry out direct action against property and to do two or three years in prison are not prepared, either for moral or practical reasons, to carry out extreme violence to people and end up with a life sentence.

If the movement begins to carry out indiscriminate acts of violence (as distinct from violence when absolutely necessary), if it becomes a violent movement rather than a movement which occasionally uses violence we will lose the majority of our activists and, with them, the war.

In so far as the Hunt Retribution Squad seek to use violence against hunt thugs to prevent or deter the violence of the latter against hunt saboteurs then the actions (or proposed actions) of the HRS are not only acceptable but long overdue. Beyond that they are entering, and taking the movement into, difficult territory and they should think very carefully before taking violent action against other members of the hunt.

But so far there has been little or no violent action by the HRS. It has been all threats and publicity stunts - and some people could be forgiven for thinking that their violence goes no further than their imaginations.

For years the ALF has been taking direct action against vehicles and other property connected with hunting. There is no need for people to do this as the HRS. It will lead to confusion between the HRS and the ALF - and if and when the HRS embarks on its campaign of violence the ALF will be in danger of being tarred with the same brush.

The HRS should stick to the activities which it was originally set up to carry out. It should not be involved in activities which can be carried out by the ALF or the HSA. They should either do their retribution or disappear.

RL

hunt van damaged

On December 28th, Friday morning, 5 members of a combined Lancs/Merseyside ALF unit paid a visit to the Holcombe Hunts kennels based in Bury. Our intention was to cause as much damage as possible to the hound van.

Small pieces of wire were inserted into locks, then superglue was added. Paint stripper was poured over the cab. 2lb of sugar was put in the fuel tank. Using a dart, all 4 tyres on the van were punctured. The windscreen wipers were bent double. Red aerosol paint was sprayed over the windscreen and the side windows. Slogans were also painted on the side of the van, eg. 'ban hunting'.

Due to the fact there is a guard dog opposite the kennels and the hounds start up at the least sound we couldn't do as much damage as we would have liked.

The damage was done in retribution for a hunt saboteur who was beaten unconscious by hunt thugs on Boxing Day and also for the increasing violence against HSA members carrying out a peaceful protest.

In a statement to the press the thugs who carried out the attack were warned they have been put under surveillance. and their property is now considered a target for attack.

The hunt have also been warned that if the violence continues we will be back.

Yours for Animal Liberation,

wigan alf

CAPTION COMPETITION NUMBER 783

WINNERS—— Punch



ALF. ALF. ALF. ALF. ALF. ALF. ALF.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT IN YOUR WILL. IT IS PERFECTLY LEGAL TO LEAVE LEGACIES - BUT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE ORGANISATION STATED IS THE ALF SUPPORTERS GROUP AND THAT THE ADDRESS TO USE IS ALF (SG), BCM 1160, LONDON, WC1N 3XX. ASK US IF YOU WANT ANY ADVICE ABOUT THIS.

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Sabotage..... not Symbolism.

REVIEW OF 'MEN AND BEASTS' BY MAUREEN DUFFY (Paladin £1.95)

Some of this book is very useful - but in so far as the direct action movement is concerned it is dangerous and potentially damaging.

This is because Maureen Duffy, while appearing to be broadly sympathetic towards direct action, fails to understand its role in the struggle for animal liberation and the reasons why most animal liberationists carry it out.

The danger of the book is that some of the false views and misunderstandings within it may influence animal liberationists because of the 'credibility' gained by Maureen Duffys apparent sympathy with the ALF and by the inclusion of an appendix in which a large number of ALF actions are listed.

As far as I am concerned most of the contentious material in the book is contained in Chapter 7 and starts with the statement that 'the BUAV....currently publicizes and supports the main group of activists, the Animal Liberation Front...' Well, we should all know by now the truth about the BUAVs 'support'.

Maureen Duffy goes on to write - 'The activists have a dual purpose: to release individual animals from lives of misery and to draw attention to the need for change'. This statement is true as far as it goes but is misleading in that it fails to include what many activists consider to be the main aim of ALF action - the destruction of animal abuse industries through the causing of economic loss and disruption.

The main reason why Maureen Duffy so often misses the point about the ALF in this book is that she appears to view direct action as a back-up to political campaigning rather than a means by which people can directly bring animal persecution to an end. This is why she fails to mention economic sabotage and why she talks about pressure being brought to bear on government rather than animal abusers. She claims that 'to drive thousands of researchers out of their jobs' is an unattainable end - when it is, of course, perfectly attainable if direct action continues to increase (and is not spiked by political campaigners or books such as this).

Ms. Duffys misunderstanding of the purpose of direct action causes her to impose ridiculous and debilitating constraints on the type of action carried out. It leads her to make such statements as 'The Wellcome Institute is a prime target but the cars and homes of individual researchers aren't' and to her opposition to 'the smashing of windows, slashing of tyres and arson'. It also causes her to write that 'the question of public support must always be paramount' when what is in reality paramount is not public support (which is so often influenced by a hysterically based media anyway) but that the build up in the amount of direct action continues - something which is only influenced to a limited degree by public opinion.

Maureen Duffy fails to realise that the ALF is about sabotage not symbolism, about freeing the animals ourselves rather than relying on untrustworthy politicians to do so on our behalf. She hasn't noticed that there's a war going on.

RL

The disgraceful letter written by CIWF director Peter Roberts to virtually all the national and local newspapers in the country must surely spell the end of Compassion in World Farming as far as radical animal liberation campaigners are concerned.

As well as being hysterical and foolish in his condemnation of the activists Roberts has wasted hundreds, if not thousands of pounds in sending out the letter - money which could have been spent on saving animals directly from suffering.

It may well be that CIWF members who have seen their society and its director go rapidly downhill in recent years may wish to support a more radical campaigning anti-factory farming organisation which also supports direct action. Such a group is Campaign Against Farm Animal Abuse, 54, Allison Street, Digbeth, Birmingham 5. They are urgently in need of funds - including those which Roberts and his society no longer deserve.

Libbers stage a turkey swoop

ANIMAL rights activists including one dressed as Santa Claus staged a raid on a turkey farm yesterday.

And they claimed afterwards it was only the start of a campaign to end the Christmas turkey trade.

Sixteen members of the Animal Liberation Front broke into Ivy Cottage Turkey Farm, Joy Lane, near Burtonwood.

After spraying slogans including "animal Belsen", "ban factory farming" and "animal concentration camp" on the outside of the breeding shed they left, taking 38 turkeys with them.

A spokesman for the ALF said yesterday: "This is part of our Cruelty at Christmas campaign, and further raids are planned.

"We did it to publicise the plight of these birds and the intensive rearing methods used in factory farming.

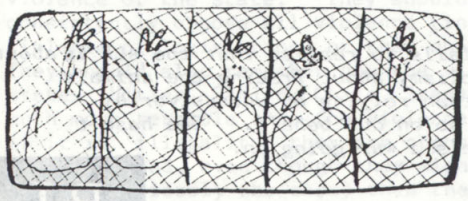
"The birds are being reared on a diet of drugs and hormones which increase the fat contents of birds, when coronary attacks are on the increase.

He also said the leader of the ALF, Ronnie Lee, was in the north west yesterday to address members.

The turkeys are owned by E. W. Webster Ltd of Bickerstaffe, who own several turkey farms.

Mr Peter Webster defended the way his birds are kept. "We've nothing to hide at all, the conditions are ideal, and the statement about hormones is rubbish as far as I'm concerned.

Liverpool Daily Post
1st November 1984



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FOR FAVOUR OF PUBLICATION

To the News Editor

3rd December, 1984.

Dear Sir,

Non-Violence and Animal Liberation

We are engaged in a long struggle to end animal cruelty. It is a campaign that has been going on for many, many years and at last the tide is beginning to turn.

The case for animal rights is now widely supported by the media, and public opinion has swung in our favour. The majority of people are outraged by the cruelties involved in factory farming, vivsection and the seal cull. The National Opinion Poll has shown that 88% of the population want a better deal for farm animals. Progress is now proposed among legislators at Westminster and Brussels although it may not be as radical as we would wish.

Suddenly all of this progress is threatened by the lunatic fringe putting bleach into bottles of baby shampoo, breaking windows of butchers shops, threatening to poison Christmas turkeys and pretending to have put rat poison in Mars bars. The self-styled Animal Liberation Front is now advocating an escalation of violence and is encouraging its followers to take part in armed trespass on private property.

By such violent acts these people imply that the animal welfare movement is a cranky minority, and the suggestion is that its arguments are so weak that they have to be defended by terrorist tactics. They are losing us public support. Can they not see that they are fighting against their own nature. They are themselves adopting the very faults that they are trying to overcome in others.

The case for animal rights is moral, reasonable and overwhelming. It does not need violence to defend it. We shall succeed only through the process of education and legal reform.

I ask your readers, if they would like to help in the campaign to put an end to factory farming, live exports and inhumane slaughter, to join with us in Compassion in World Farming and denounce the violent tactics which alienate the public and serve only to delay much needed reform.

Further information available from me.

Yours faithfully,

Peter H. Roberts

PETER H. ROBERTS NDA.,CDA.
DIRECTOR



THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

DOG RESCUE FINE

Schoolteacher Yvonne Western was fined £150 at Ringwood (Hants) Magistrates Court on October 11th for rescuing a dog which was tethered in a back garden on a very short chain and kept in bad conditions. She said that the dog "had a right to a better life".
(Donations to ALF Supporters Group, BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX)

DAMAGED DOORS

Four animal liberation activists have each been fined £100 and ordered to pay £75 costs by Cambridge Magistrates after being convicted of causing damage at Cambridge University Physiology Dept. The activists were members of a group who were alleged to have kicked in locked doors at the dept. during an attempt to take video film of cruel experiments taking place there.
(Donations to Animal Aid Cambridge Relief Fund, c/o Anne Hagger, 113, Hill Row, Haddenham, Ely, Cambs.)

ASSEMBLING WITH INTENT

On October 26th eighteen people were sent for trial by Knutsford (Cheshire) Magistrates accused of assembling with intent to commit burglary and causing £13,000 damage during a raid on ICI torture labs. on April 29th organised by the Northern Animal Liberation League. Two of them also face charges in connection with the rescue of a beagle from the labs.
(Donations to NALL, 10, Great Ancoats Street, Manchester 4)

WREXHAM AND WRECK SOME MORE

Six alleged ALF members have appeared before Wrexham Magistrates charged with various offences including damaging meat lorries and vans, the premises of a meat co. and Boots the Chemists. One of them is also charged with threatening to break the windows of shops displaying circus posters. All are on bail awaiting trial.
(Donations to ALF SG)

SEALL CULL

19 activists have been committed on bail to the Crown Court on charges of conspiracy to rob. This follows the carrying out of 3 co-ordinated raids (organised by the South Eastern Animal Liberation League) on October 28th against premises connected with vivisection in Hampshire in which damage was caused and documents taken.
(Donations to Wickham Defence Fund, c/o BARG, Students Union, Brunel University, Uxbridge, Middx., UB8 3PH)

DEWHURSTS DAMAGE

Three alleged ALF members have appeared in court at Warley (West Midlands) charged with causing damage to vehicles at the Dewhursts Butchers depot at Smethwick. Two others are charged with conspiracy to commit criminal damage. All five are on bail awaiting trial.
(Donations to ALF SG)

VIVISECTION KENNELS ATTACK

A man was remanded in custody charged with arson following an incident in which five vehicles were damaged by fire at Cottage Patch Kennels near Fareham, Hants. on November 8th. The kennels supply dogs for vivisection.
(Donations to ALF SG)

DUKE BOX JURY?

Two animal liberation activists John Curtin and Terry Helsby, currently in Bristol Prison awaiting trial in connection with attempted digging-up of fanatical hunter the Duke of Beaufort, would appreciate letters. Please write to them (individually) at HM Prison Bristol, Cambridge Road, Horfield, Bristol. Their prison numbers should be mentioned on the envelope. Terrys is F17287 and Johns is F17288.
(Donations to Bristol Defence Fund, c/o BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX)

MARKET MARKERS

Three animal liberation campaigners are on bail on charges connected with the spraying of slogans at Ross-on-Wye cattle market and causing £100 damage to a tractor belonging to the market on December 19th.
(Donations to ALF (SG)

JAILED FOR DOG RESCUE

Animal rights campaigner Hilly Beavan has recently been released after serving a one month prison sentence for her part in the rescue of 17 dogs from vivisection at Cambridge University in 1983. She was also ordered to pay £500 costs.
(Donations to Laundry Farm Defence Fund, c/o Town and Country Building Society, 47, Regent St., Cambridge)

ARSON CHARGES

Four animal liberation activists are currently in prison awaiting trial in connection with an arson attack on the admin. offices of a Leeds vivisection lab. in which files and a computer were damaged.
(Donations to ALF SG)

McDONALDS 'RAIDERS' IN CUSTODY

Two activists have been sent to Ashford (Middx.) remand centre charged with going equipped to cause arson at the McDonalds HQ in North London on January 19th. They have had bail refused and may be in custody for several months before their trial comes up.
(Donations to ALF SG)

ALSO EQUIPPED

Two Sheffield activists were arrested on January 2nd and charged with going equipped to cause damage (paint-sprays, hammer etc.) They are currently on bail.
(Donations to ALF SG)

WINDOW WRAP

A Leeds activist is at present on bail charged with smashing butchers shop windows to the tune of £1100.
(Donations to ALF SG)

UNILEVER

42 people are on bail facing conspiracy to cause damage charges after last years raid on the Unilever vivisection lab. in Bedfordshire by the Eastern Animal Liberation League.
(Donations to EALL Defence Fund, c/o Doorway Bookshop, 18, Victoria Road, Northampton)

ARSON CHARGE

An animal rights campaigner has been committed for trial charged with causing damage by fire, following the burning of an empty battery unit.
(Donations to ALF SG)

JAILED FOR COCKSPARROW RAID

Andy Horbury has been sentenced to two years imprisonment after being convicted of conspiring to steal and conspiracy to cause criminal damage in connection with a raid on the notorious Cocksparrow fur farm in which thousands of pounds of damage was caused and thirty silver foxes rescued from their cramped cages. His co-defendant Mandy Barrett was acquitted. The judge, at Warwick Crown Court, said that he was treating him leniently because of his young age! Please write letters to:
Andy Horbury, C54255, HM Prison, Winson Green Road, Birmingham B18 4AS.
(Donations to ALF SG - mark envelopes 'Andy Horbury')

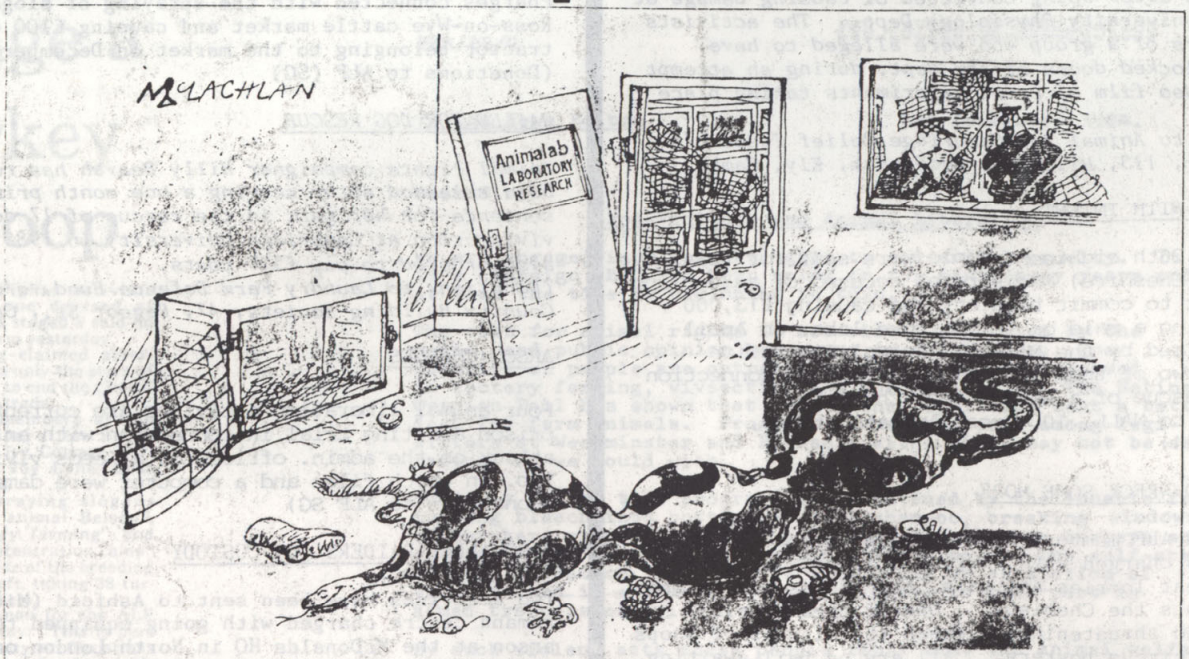
EQUIPPED FOR ARSON

Four people from Sheffield are on bail awaiting trial on charges of going equipped to cause arson at a vivisection establishment at Wetherby, Yorks. (Donations to ALF SG)

CAT RESCUE CHARGE

Animal Liberation campaigner Marcus Claridge has been charged with burglary following a December 29th raid on Perrycroft Lodge, Colwall, Herefords. - an establishment which supplies cats and dogs for vivisection. 20 cats were rescued in the raid. Marcus is currently on bail.
(Donations to ALF SG)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Vegan Society, which has been a great help in getting vegan diets sorted out for the imprisoned activists. Note to all activists: To be properly entitled to a vegan diet in prison you have to be a member of the Vegan Society. JOIN NOW! The Vegan Society, 47, Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8NQ. £3 a year (£1.50 - unwaged).



"Yes, no doubt about it, Sarge . . . looks as if they've made a clean getaway."

Punch
28th November 84

Twelve people are currently in prison, either sentenced or on remand, in connection with animal liberation direct action - and well over 100 people are on bail awaiting trial.

This large number of arrests is little to do with clever detective work by the police or the setting up of special squads but is because of the massive increase in direct action in recent months. The law of averages dictates that the more action there is the more people will be arrested.

It is imperative that the rest of the movement give maximum support to those activists either in prison or awaiting trial.

It is also essential that people are not deterred from direct action by the arrest or imprisonment of others. Every arrest and every prison sentence must lead to an increase in the action rather than the opposite. We must show the animal abusers and the authorities that we will not and cannot be defeated.

The special police squad set up to 'hunt down' animal liberation 'extremists' and the vicious prison sentence handed out to Andy Horbury indicate a new offensive by the state and the judiciary against our movement. Our response must be more and more attacks more and more damage, more and more animals rescued. There can be no longer any excuses for not taking action. It is total war. Us and them. Armageddon The forces of light matched against the forces of darkness. Andy Horbury is the first of many this year who will be locked away for the crime of being a decent human being. One day, in the new world, where animals and human beings live in harmony and in freedom, we will remember the courage of Andy and all the others who gave their freedom so that dreams might become reality.

The special squads and the vicious sentences represent the last desperate cries of a dying monster.

Tomorrow belongs to us.

Luke Skywalker

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Learn to Burn.



Animal rights 'arson'

THE GUARDIAN 30 APR 1985

Animal Rights campaigners ings in protest at battery egg yesterday claimed to have production.
started a £200,000 fire at a Forensic scientists immediately began tests to discover if factory which produces prefab- it was the work of arsonists.
ricated buildings for factory farming.

Mr Peter Jolly, the firm's managing director, said it would take three months to get the company back to full production, but it was hoped that none of the 40 employees would lose his job. He said the buildings were exported to the Middle East where they were used to produce animal protein at economic rates.

The Animal Liberation Front telephoned a local radio station and said it had destroyed the factory of Wigfield and Pluck Ltd, at Honeybourne, near Evesham, Worcestershire, which makes poultry houses, cattle sheds, and other prefabricated build-

Factory set on fire

Morning Star 20 MAY 1985

The Animal Liberation Front yesterday claimed responsibility for setting fire to a factory manufacturing cooked meats in Walthamstow, East London. A fire brigade spokesman said only a small fire had been caused.

Food blast theory

Liverpool Echo 25-2-85

DETECTIVES were today looking into claims that an arson attack on a Birkenhead sausage plant might have been the work of animal liberation extremists.

Thousands of pounds worth of damage was caused following a blaze and explosion at the Rio Food Products plant in Derby Road.

The Animal Liberation Front confirmed that a caller to the movement's London head office had claimed to have carried out the attack.

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DIARY

£1,000 damage at fur shop

VANDALS claiming to be from the Animal Liberation Front caused damage estimated at £1,000 at a Derby furriers overnight.

A police patrol found two holes in front windows, believed to have been caused by air gun pellets, and the initials ALF were painted in red on the front door of George Rose Furriers, Green Lane.

Derby Evening Telegraph

LORRIES HIT IN PROTEST

ANIMAL Rights protesters have claimed responsibility for an attack in which hundreds of pounds damage was caused at Hackett's slaughterhouse, Daybrook.

A police spokesman said five lorries in a secure yard on the premises were attacked some time between Friday night and Saturday morning.

The words "Animal Liberation Front," and slogans were sprayed on the lorries in red aerosol paint.

A tachograph was ripped out of one vehicle, and a substance, believed to be superglue, was poured in the ignition of another lorry.

Nottingham Evening Post

Early Dec: Long Buckby, Northants - empty broiler sheds burnt down.

Dec 1st: Seaham, Tyne & Wear - slogans daubed on Boots & a butchers shop.
Derby - windows of fur shop broken & slogans painted.

Dec 2nd: Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA - windows of 9 fur shops smashed & awnings torn. Damage estimated at £10,000.
Detling, Kent - large sign advertising hunt point-to-point demolished.
Wigan, Gtr Manchester - 4 fishmongers, a poultry shop, a gun shop & a seafood shop all had locks glued & slogans painted.

Dec 3rd: Preston, Lancs - slogans daubed on a vivisection lab & a slaughterhouse, where tyres of a cattle truck were also slashed.
Ramsgate, Kent - fishmongers van paint-strippered.
Ross-on-Wye, Herefords - fur shop splattered with paint.
Liverpool - extensive damage caused to empty broiler unit.

Dec 4th: Bedworth, Warwicks - £10,000 damage in arson attack on abattoir. 2 vehicles & an office damaged.
Edinburgh, Scotland - windows broken of 5 butchers shops & 2 meat centres.

Dec 5th: Coventry area, W Midlands - 2 dogs rescued from cruel owner.
Oxted, Surrey - 2 cars belonging to a hunt master paintstrippered.

Dec 6th: Coleford, Glos - 2 butchers shops & an abattoir sprayed with slogans.
Ilkeston, Derbys - locks of 11 butchers shops glued, locks of lorry glued & fridge smashed at slaughterhouse.
Birmingham - monkey rescued from vivisection lab.

Dec 7th: Daybrook, Notts - hundreds of pounds damage caused to 5 lorries at slaughterhouse.

Dec 8th: Thirsk, N Yorks - locks of gun shop, 4 butchers & 2 betting shops glued & windows engraved with glasscutter.
Macclesfield, Cheshire - window & door of butchers shop smashed.
Kirkby, Merseyside - 3 piglets & 20 hens rescued from factory farm.

Dec 9th: Broadstairs, Kent - dairy van paintstrippered.
Morecambe, Lancs - 10 rats rescued from dissection lab.
Duarte, California, USA - 100 animals rescued from vivisection lab & damage caused.

The Birmingham Post

Abattoir blaze claim

Members of the Animal Liberation Front have said they were responsible for an arson attack on a Bedworth abattoir, which caused £10,000 worth of damage.

They warn it is the start of a big Midlands campaign, targeted on the meat industry.

The Animal Liberation Front is the same group which carried out the recent Mars bars poison hoax. They claimed responsibility for the arson attack in a telephone call to *The Birmingham Post*.

Paraffin was poured over a cattle transporter and van in the yard at Smith's abattoir in Park Road, Bedworth, before they were set alight. Paraffin was also poured through the letterbox of the office, which was only slightly damaged.

Hunt attack

The Animal Liberation Front today admitted pouring paint stripper over two cars outside the home of Mr Rodney Cooper, joint master of the Surrey and North Sussex Beagles, in Oxted, Surrey. He said he had no intention of stopping hunting.

THE [redacted] TIMES

College hit by Animal Lib raid

ANIMAL rights protestors snatched 10 rats in a night-time raid on a Lancashire college.

The creatures were taken from their cages at the Lancaster and Morecambe College as a protest against dissection in schools and colleges.

Members of the Animal Liberation Front later claimed responsibility.

Tutors made the discovery this morning and described the incident as "callous".

A spokesman for the ALF said: "Students learn about the human body from models and diagrams in books, the same should be done when learning about animals.

"There is no reason to kill and cut up rats like this. That is why we did it — to show how strongly we feel."

The college breeds its own white rats for study work, but the raid has treatened stocks.

Lancashire Evening Post

ALF Lifts 100 Lab Animals in California

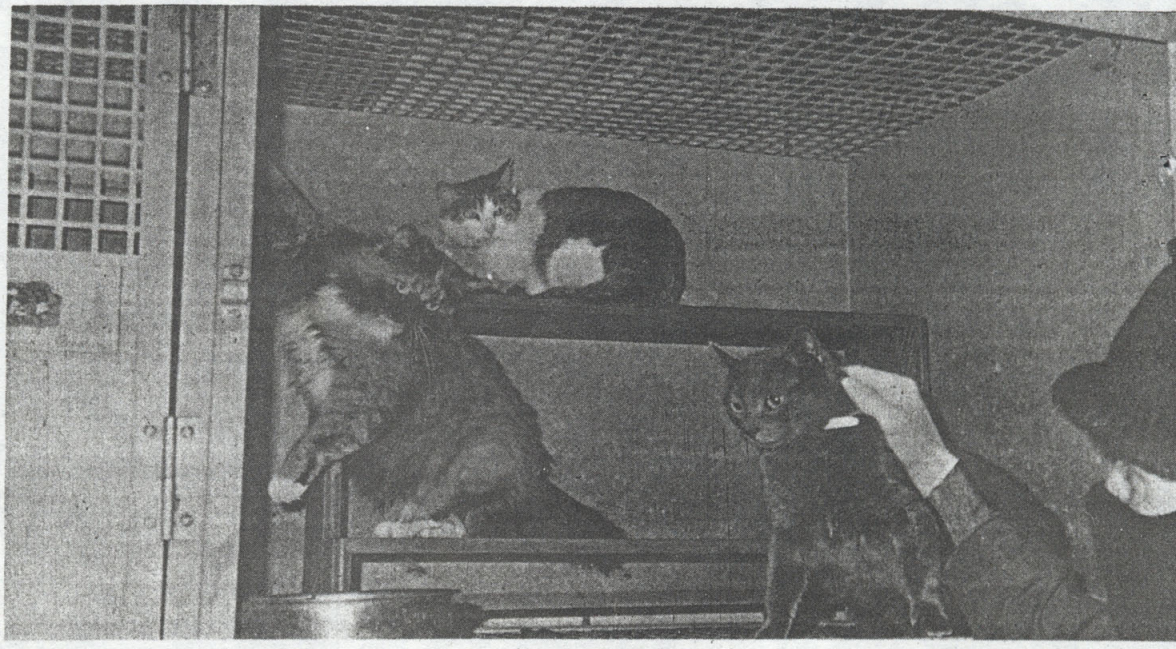
Over 100 animals being used in medical research at Duarte, California's City of Hope National Medical Center, were removed by members of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) early Sunday morning, December 9. Dr. Joseph Holden, associate director for research at the facility, told reporters that the animals taken included 36 dogs, 12 cats, 12 rabbits, 28 mice and 18 rats. The raiders also sprayed the building with animal rights slogans.

Holden told the press that the raid disrupted $500,000 worth of research on cancer, herpes and emphysema. Although Holden told reporters, "We run a first-class facility here," City of Hope officials refused repeated requests from the media to view the interior of the cinder-block building that housed the liberated animals.

The raid was an act of "terrorism comparable to the hijacking of planes and the bombing of embassies," according to City of Hope executive director, Ben Horowitz.

ANIMALS' AGENDA

January/February 1985



Cats rescued from City of Hope, California.

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Dec 10th: Nottingham - window of fur shop damaged.
Leeds, W Yorks - window of fur shop smashed.
York - window of butchers shop smashed.

Dec 11th: Ormskirk, Lancs - raid on factory farm, 10 turkeys & 20 broiler chickens rescued. Slogans sprayed.
Sherwood, Nottingham - brick thrown through window of Boots.
Leeds, W Yorks - windows of 2 butchers shops smashed.
Broadway Warminster, Avon - yellow paint squirted through letter box of butchers shop.

Dec 12th: Swindon area, Wilts - windows of 3 butchers shops smashed.
Enfield, Middx - windows of 4 butchers shops smashed.
Tottenham, N London - window of butchers shop smashed.
London - hen rescued from street market.
Aintree, Merseyside - main grandstand at Grand National racecourse destroyed by fire.

Dec 14th: Munich, W Germany - locks of 80 fur shops glued & slogans painted.
Wrexham, N Wales - window of butchers shop smashed.

Dec 15th: Tunbridge Wells, Kent - 5 butchers, 2 fur shops, a fishing tackle shop & a gun shop - locks glued & windows & doors sprayed.

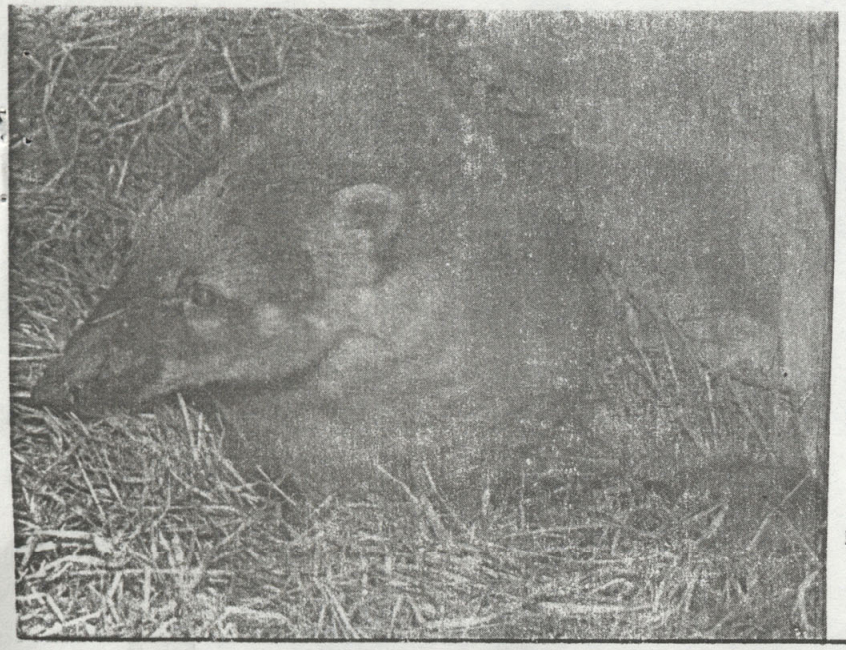
Mid Dec: Chorlton, Manchester - slogans daubed on window of butchers shop.
Wrexham, N Wales - slogan scratched on body-work of butchers vehicle.
Wimbledon, S London - fur shop window smashed.

Dec 16th: Brighton, E Sussex - locks of 3 butchers shops glued.
Sheffield, S Yorks - 4 butchers shops windows broken, daubed, locks glued.

Dec 17th: Keighley, W Yorks - 70 rabbits rescued from vivisection breeders.

Dec 18th: Islington, N London - locks of 3 butchers shops glued.

Dec 19th: Leeds, W Yorks - offices of vivisection lab severely damaged by fire.
Euston, N London - butchers shop paintbombed & glued.
Broxbourne, Herts - coatimundi rescued from bad conditions at local zoo & slogans painted.



Animal centre blaze quiz

Three people are helping police with inquiries into a fire outbreak at a Government animal health and veterinary investigation centre in Leeds.

The fire was started after petrol was poured through a ground floor window at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Centre, in Weetwood Lane, Weetwood, Leeds, between 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday and 7.30 a.m. on Thursday.

Damage was confined to one room of the two-storey building, which houses files.

Sabotage

Manchester Evening News

HOLCOMBE HUNT met today despite a sabotage raid on their converted horsebox "hound van."

Tyres on the vehicle were slashed, sugar poured into the fuel tank, windscreen and windscreen wipers damaged, paint stripper strewn on the cab and anti-hunt slogans daubed on the side.

The Animal Liberation Front has claimed responsibility in a statement to the Manchester Evening News for the incident at the hunt's kennels in Brandlesholme, near Bury.

Police are investigating.

The organisation claims the raid was in retribution of an alleged attack on an anti-hunt saboteur who they say was knocked unconscious during the traditional Boxing Day meet at Rivington, near Bolton.

A la carte

Amsterdam (Reuter) - Animal rights protesters threw stink bombs and poured smelly liquids into restaurants in Amsterdam and elsewhere which included frogs' legs, ostrich steaks and pigeon and tortoise soup on their menus.

THE [redacted] TIMES

Dec 20th: Cheadle, Staffs - window of house belonging to man who shoots & snares animals smashed.
Cliftonville, Kent - window of shop selling furs smashed.
Ramsgate, Kent - meat van paintstrippered. Locks of 10 animal abuse shops glued.
Ross-on-Wye, Herefords - slogans sprayed on cattle market & tractor damaged.

Dec 22nd: Swindon, Wilts - window of butchers shop smashed & slogans painted.
Nottingham - 4 geese rescued from cattle market where they were due to be slaughtered.

Dec 23rd: Lincoln - slogans daubed on hide & skin shop.
Morecambe, Lancs - locks of several butchers shops glued.
Edmonton Green, N London - windows of 5 butchers shops smashed.
Macclesfield, Cheshire - 4 butchers shops paintbombed together with a slaughterhouse. Butchers car paintbombed. Ciba-Geigy package plant paintbombed & 3 windows smashed.

Dec 24th: Nuremburg, W Germany - 114 guinea pigs rescued from vivisection lab & slogans sprayed.
Swindon, Wilts - locks of 5 butchers shops glued.
Nottingham - window of fur shop smashed.
Holland - locks of 80 resaurants selling frogs legs, pheasants etc. glued. Stink bombs thrown into some restaurants.
Manchester - concrete post thrown through window of butchers shop.

Dec 25th: Dublin, Eire - slogans painted on 3 butchers shops. Damage done to 4 trucks at an abattoir.
Biggin Hill, Kent - slogans painted at battery farm & tractor damaged.

Dec 26th: Eridge, E Sussex - hunters Landrover daubed & 2 tyres slashed.

Dec 28th: Wrexham, N Wales - locks glued of 6 shops involved in animal abuse (butchers, Boots etc.)
Portsmouth, Hants - 100 mice rescued from vivisection lab.
Bury, Gtr Manchester - severe damage caused to hunt hound van.

Dec 29th: Colwall, Worcs - 20 cats rescued from vivisection breeding centre.
Rotherham, S Yorks - window of butchers shop broken & pavement outside daubed.

Dec 30th: Nottingham - windscreen of hunters car smashed.
Rotherham, S Yorks - window of butchers shop broken & slogan painted.

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Dec 31st: Wrexham, N Wales - locks glued of 6 shops involved in animal abuse.
Herne Bay, Kent - door & window of butchers shop smashed, window of furriers smashed.
Chorlton, Manchester - window of butchers shop damaged with catapult, slogans daubed on window of another.

Late Dec: Tonbridge, Kent - locks glued of Boots, 2 butchers shops & a fishing tackle shop.

We freed cats at laboratory a group claims

The Animal Liberation Front said its members had freed 20 cats from Perrycroft Lodge at Colwall, near Ledbury.
A spokesman for the Front said they believed some of the cats recovered were stolen pets. They would be issuing photographs in the hope that owners would recognise cats and be able to reclaim them.
The Front also claims that beagles are bred at Perrycroft Lodge for vivisection.

Shropshire Star

Animal rights campaigners today claimed responsibility for a raid last night on an establishment in Herefordshire which, they say, supplies animals for vivisection and laboratory experiments.

Early Jan: Nottingham - several windows of skin & hide shop smashed.
Northallerton, N Yorks - several butchers & a shooting shop glued.
Hanover, W Germany - outside of vivisectors house damaged.

Jan 1st: Clifton, Nottingham - rabbit rescued from bad conditions.
Nottingham - 4 toads rescued from dissection at school.
Edinburgh, Scotland - office of bloodsports equipment warehouse damaged by fire.
Martinsried, W Germany - 11 cats rescued from vivisection lab & slogans sprayed.
London, Ontario, Canada - 3 cats & a monkey rescued from vivisection lab & slogans painted.
Sheffield, S Yorks - locks of 2 meat shops damaged.

Jan 3rd: Gedling, Nottingham - 2 hens rescued from battery unit & damage caused.

Jan 4th: Nottingham - window of fur shop damaged.
Chorley, Lancs - 21 hens rescued from battery farm.

Jan 6th: Nottingham - all windows of a fur shop smashed.
Carrington, Nottingham - window of fishing tackle shop smashed.
Beckenham area, Kent - damage done to cars & houses of 8 people connected with vivisection at Wellcome labs.

Jan 7th: Renfrewshire, Scotland - 8 butchers shops & 1 fishmongers - locks glued, slogans painted, windows broken. Slogans painted on doors of tannery.

Jan 9th: Orpington, Kent - red paint thrown at angling shop.
Coventry, W Midlands - windows of 3 butchers shops & fishing tackle shop smashed.
Edinburgh, Scotland - windows of 4 butchers shops & a fishmongers/poulterers smashed.

Jan 11th: Wareham, Dorset - 3 windows of butchers shop smashed.

Jan 12th: Holloway, N London - tyres slashed & slogans painted on meat co vans.
Tottenham, N London - window of butchers shop smashed & slogans sprayed.
Edmonton, N London - window of butchers shop smashed.

Jan 13th: Lyndhurst, Hants - 13 windows of butchers shops smashed & slogans daubed.
Winton, Dorset - window of butchers shop smashed.
Copenhagen, Denmark - 11 fur shops, 2 bloodsports shops & 2 McDonalds paintbombed.

Jan 14th: Brighton, E Sussex - slogan daubed on leather shop.

Jan 15th: Brighton, E Sussex - 2 windows of fur shop smashed.
Arnold, Notts - anti-dissection slogans sprayed on shed.

Mid Jan: Southport, Merseyside - 2 windows of fur shop smashed.
Dublin, Eire - window of fur shop smashed. 2 butchers shops damaged.
Gedling, Nottingham - £7,000 damage to sausage factory.
Waterford, Eire - window of butchers shop damaged. Slogans painted on walls outside coursers house.
Northallerton, N Yorks - slogans sprayed on shooting shop.

Jan 19th: Arhus, Denmark - windows of McDonalds smashed & paint thrown.
Copenhagan, Denmark - McDonalds attacked (as above).

Jan 20th: Hounslow, Middx - slogans daubed in McDonalds.
Purley, Surrey - windows of fur shop smashed.

Animal libbers raid farm

Lancashire Evening Post

ANIMAL liberation activists have struck again at a farm in Lancashire.

Members of the controversial Animal Liberation Front snatched 21 hens from a farm near Chorley last night.

A spokesman said the raid at Clayton Villa Farm, Sheephill Lane, Clayton-le-Woods, was in protest at factory farming.

"The hens have all gone to good homes. They were in very cramped conditions — four to a cage," he said.

A slogan saying "Animal Liberation" was daubed across a cabin door with a thick felt-tipped pen.

The raid is one of a number of similar incidents that have taken place in the county in past weeks.

Bomb raids on homes

THE GUARDIAN

By Paul Keel

The Animal Liberation Front, yesterday claimed responsibility for a series of attacks at the addresses of officials from the Wellcome Foundation Reearch Laboratories at Beckenham, Kent.

The attacks occured early yesterday. They involved petrol bombs being thrown at garage doors, stones thrown through a window, paint thrown over a doorstep and paint stripper splashed over a car. Police said that there were no injuries and no serious damage to property.

A spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front claimed that the attacks brought the number of actions against the property of employees of the research laboratory to 26.

The Alf warned that the homes of other animal scientists would also be petrol-bombed. The organisation, which was behind the recent poisoned Mars bars hoax, also issued a threat to the Conservative MP and Home Office minister, Mr. David Mellor, for what it described as his recent "disgraceful white paper" on vivisection.

Jan 21st: Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs - windows of vivisectors house smashed & slogans daubed.
Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs - 2 windows of butchers shop broken, lock glued & slogans sprayed.
Edinburgh, Scotland - windows of 4 butchers, a poulterer & a meat centre smashed.

Animal group raids dairy

Nottingham Evening Post

THE Animal Liberation Front has claimed responsibility for an attack on a smallholding in Main Road, Gedling, today. Protesters broke into Leech's Dairy and took two chickens, smashed eggs and damaged property.

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Dog death chamber hit

Nottingham Evening Post

ANIMAL Liberation Front activists have claimed responsibility for the wrecking of a dog electrocution chamber at the RSPCA shelter at Radcliffe-on-Trent.

The chamber is used for putting down many of the 250 unwanted dogs destroyed at the shelter every month because their owners do not claim them and new homes cannot be found.

The activists broke into the pharmacy and smashed electric sockets and the electrical cabinet used to put down the dogs.

Jan 22nd: Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts - RSPCA electrocution unit destroyed.
Leigh-on-Sea, Essex - locks of butchers shop glued.

Jan 23rd: Hull - window of butchers shop broken.
Ramsgate, Kent - windows of 3 butchers shops smashed.

Jan 27th: Knowsley, Liverpool - 51 hens rescued from battery farm.
Croydon, Surrey - window of butchers shop smashed.
Carshalton, Surrey - window of butchers shop smashed.
Central London - 2 windows of butchers shop smashed.
Upgate, Norfolk - 19 chickens rescued from broiler farm.
Bakersfield, Notts - meat factory damaged by fire.

Jan 29th: Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex - slogans daubed on butchers shop.

Jan 30th: Bristol - windows of 3 butchers shops broken.

Late Jan: Nottingham - 2 chickens rescued from bad conditions.
Northampton - windows of 5 butchers shops broken. Butchers van sprayed with slogans & windscreen broken.

Early Feb: Bullinghope, Hereford - 2 ponies rescued from bad conditions.
Gloucester - slogans sprayed on butchers shop.

Feb 1st: Nottingham - windows of 2 butchers shops smashed.
Nun Monkton, N Yorks - raid on home of hunter. Extensive damage done to tack & horse-boxs.

Feb 2nd: Sheffield, S Yorks - university psychology dept daubed with anti-vivisection slogans.
St Albans, Herts - windows of 2 butchers shops smashed.

Feb 3rd: Carshalton, Surrey - window smashed of restaurant selling frogs legs. Windows of 3 butchers shops smashed.
Liverpool - locks of gun shop glued & slogans sprayed.

Feb 4th: Reigate, Surrey - fur shop daubed & window smashed.

Feb 6th: Bristol - window of butchers shop smashed. Fur shop daubed.

'Animal rights' attack on pig farm

HARDLINE animal activists daubed slogans and badly damaged a tractor in a raid on a pig farm on the Northamptonshire border today.

It was the third attack on Winsey House Farm, at Shambrook, near Rushden, in a year.

In a telephone call to the Chronicle and Echo, an anonymous spokesman claiming to represent the East Midlands Animal Liberation Front said anti-factory farming slogans were painted in large white letters on the

"Also a tractor on the site was badly damaged," added the caller.

"This action was carried out as a protest against factory farming — in the case of Winsey House Farm, the totally barbaric conditions inflicted on intensively reared pigs."

Chronicle & Echo
Northampton

Feb 7th: Hatfield, Herts - slogans daubed on 2 butchers shops. Butchers van paintstrippered & petrol tank sugared.

Feb 8th: Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs - battery farm owners house locks glued. Slogans painted on house & outside pavement & hen houses.

Feb 9th: Bristol - locks of fur shop glued.

Feb 11th: Adlington, Cheshire - transit van belonging to battery farm burnt. Windows of farmhouse broken.
Highbury Corner, N London - window of butchers shop smashed.

Feb 12th: Northfleet, Kent - cruelly treated pet beagle rescued.
Altrincham, Cheshire - windows of 2 fur shops broken.
Bristol - locks of fur shop glued.

Feb 13th: Kettering, Northants - window of fur shop smashed.

Feb 14th: Hackney Wick, London - van belonging to sausage co paintstrippered.

Feb 15th: Kelston, Avon - 3 badger traps destroyed.

Feb 16th: Central London - Dept of Agriculture & Fisheries paintbombed. Slogans sprayed on 3 leather shops, a betting shop, a steak bar, a burger bar, a butchers shop, several fur shops & a gun shop. 4 fur shops paintbombed.

Feb 17th: Camberwell, SE London - Institute of Psychiatry (vivisection lab) paintbombed & slogans sprayed.
Levenshulme, Manchester - window of butchers shop smashed.
Wigan, Gtr Manchester - locks glued of 3 fishmongers, a chicken barbecue shop & a seafood shop.
Halewood, Liverpool - ducks rescued from battery farm.
Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex - slogans daubed on 4 butchers shops.

Feb 18th: Coventry, W Mids - 5 butchers windows sprayed with slogans. Another had windows smashed.

Feb 19th: Leighton Buzzard, Beds - window of butchers shop smashed.
Macclesfield, Cheshire -windows of bloodsports shop smashed & paint thrown in.

Feb 21st: Liverpool - window of butchers shop smashed.

Feb 22nd: Eastbourne, E Sussex - 2 butchers shops daubed.

Feb 24th: Hackney, E London - cab of meat van paintstrippered.

Feb 25th: Crouch End, N London - cab of meat lorry paintstrippered.
Rushden, Northants - buildings daubed at pig farm & tractor damaged.

Feb 26th: Liverpool - locks of gun shop glued.
Bournemouth, Dorset - window of kosher butchers smashed.

Feb 27th: Westbourne Green, NW London - locks of fishmonger/poulterers van glued.
Iford Bridge, Dorset - 2 windows of fishing tackle shop smashed.

Feb 28th: Harrow, Middx - window of halal butchers smashed.
Coventry, W Mids - car belonging to owner of butchers shop damaged.

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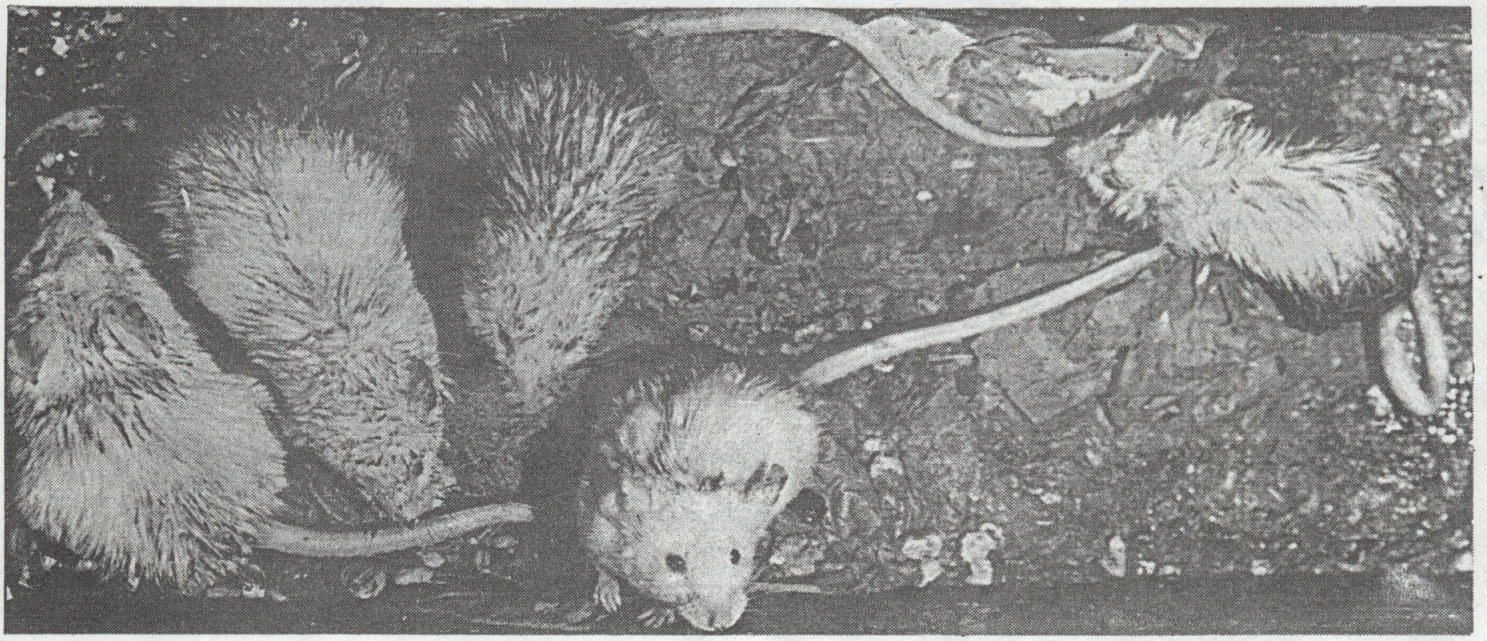
In the early hours of St. Georges Day (23rd April) four members of the ALF broke into the Public Health laboratory of St. Georges Hospital, Tooting, London, and liberated over 150 white mice.

Two or three months prior to the raid, regular visits were paid to the hospital at various times of the day or night to check the security, the extent of activity and possible getaway routes. It was fairly obvious that the hospital security was somewhat slack and it was unlikely that any ALF action was expected to take place, since London hospitals seldom seem to be the object of major campaigns. (Is it perhaps not time that their activities should be exposed and highlighted with a barrage of ALF hits?)

Although the main animal house is heavily alarmed, it appeared that the Public Health lab. where the mice were housed, was not. St. Georges Day was thought to be a suitable occasion for the action, so the venue was checked a couple of nights beforehand for the last time and, once it was ascertained that all was unchanged, it was agreed that the raid should go ahead.

take similar action should remember to be extremely cautious in handling diseased animals, and avoid any direct skin contact if at all possible. If handling is necessary, cleanliness is vital and should be maintained at all times.) The cages were distributed to vehicles waiting nearby, which immediately dispersed - none too soon, as it happens, since some passers-by were seen to take undue interest in our activities. (To be seen wearing balaclavas in such a public place would obviously have aroused suspicion, so disguise of any sort was out of the question - even though people carting stacks of cages in carrier bags and boxes the length and breadth of the hospital grounds could hardly be said to look inconspicuous.)

The vehicles met up again at a safe house on the south coast. Hitherto, things had gone smoothly, but the euphoria from having liberated so many animals quickly subsided to be replaced by sadness and anger. Closer examination of the mice revealed that many were suffering appallingly; the state of hygiene in which they had been kept was deplorable - some of the animals were lying in ½" of their own excrement, and many were suffering from chronic diarrhoea, festering



Mice rescued from St. Georges.

Since there were no convenient walls to climb (and the surrounding roads were too busy), the only feasible means of access was through the hospital gates (there are several entrances); we entered and left the hospital grounds quite openly, making our way to and from the scene of the "crime" under the glare of the hospital lights and nurses residences, relying on the fact that it is quite normal for visitors, casualties, vehicles, doctors etc. to use the gates.

Annexed to the Public Health portacabins was a small corridor (permeated with the distinctive smell of rodents), accessible via a wooden door which was never locked; along here the holding place for the mice was to be found. While one person remained outside as a lookout, the rest went through to tackle the yale lock on the inner door, through the window of which could be seen a large trolley stacked with cages. The lock gave surprisingly easily and no alarms were set off. Once inside we set about the task of removing all the cages from the shelves and stacking them, ready for our getaway; within ten/fifteen minutes, the entire stock of mice had been removed. Care was taken in handling them (gloves were obviously a necessity, not only for fingerprints), since it was known that they might be carriers of a potentially dangerous/contagious disease. (Anyone intending to

sores (in particular one mouse, whose rear end was rotting away), violent seizures, semi-paralysis, brain damage, lack of co-ordination and blindness. Jeremy Benthams well touted maxim "The question is not can they reason? Nor, can they talk? But can they suffer?" was provided with another classic example as to what extent animals do suffer. Only the most insensitive person would have denied that the animals "had clearly suffered, and suffered badly, over a period of time" (quote from Wandsworth and Putney Guardian Editorial - April 25th '85). (So what about the clause regarding severe and enduring pain?) It was felt that a number of the sickest mice would have to be put out of their misery as soon as possible (and indeed, forty-three of them were put to sleep that same Tuesday night; in the coming days forty-two more were to die).

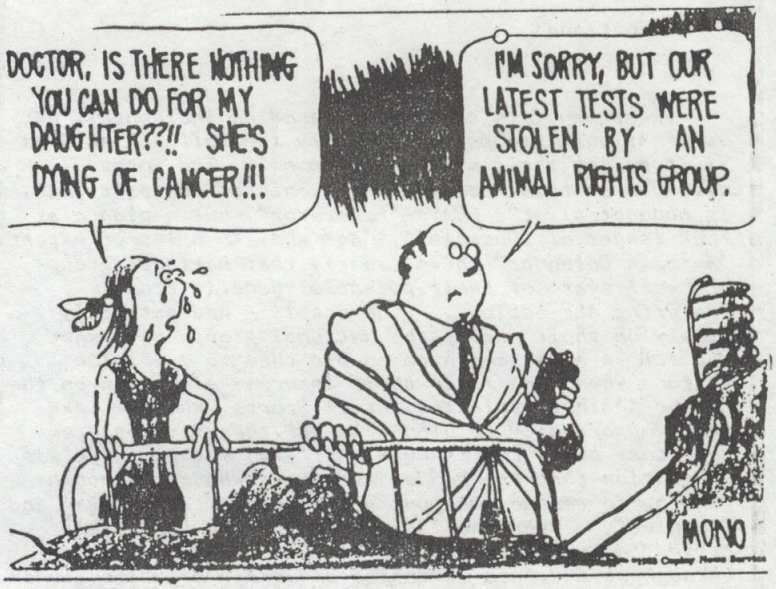
The local press and press association were contacted as a result of which there was extensive media coverage with articles in most of the national press and items on the BBC and ITV news, as well as on 'TVam' the following morning. 'The Guardian', a local south London Paper, printed a front page exclusive interview with a half page photograph and a very sympathetic leader comment, which concluded that "St. Georges Hospital must open its laboratory doors to independent witnesses who can confirm it has no other animals in such a pitiful and shameful condition."

Statements issued by the hospital revealed that most of the mice had been infected, via the brain, with toxoplasmosis, an illness which resembles glandular fever (NB. labels on the sides of cages with the word "passage", which basically means that the infection was in the blood stream, indicated that the animals were very ill); the hospital spokesperson(s) urged that the animals be returned immediately and recommended that if anyone had been bitten by one of the mice, they should contact the hospital, which posesses antibodies for the disease. They have hitherto had no comeback on their kind invitation!

The sixty-five remaining mice appear well and are now housed in large cages with wheels, tunnels, ladders and other objects of interest; they are fed on a varied diet of nuts, sunflower seeds, oats, vegetables, fruit etc. which must make a welcome change from the laboratory pellets which they now completely reject. Perhaps, at last, they will now be able to live out the rest of their lives in peace and comfort.

Thanks are due to the ALF Supporters Group who helped with the funding of the new cages and other items.

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Taken from "Animalove" (California).

TIME FOR CHANGE

I wonder how many SG members attended any of the disasterous World Day demos. Surely the membership of the movement must now take steps to stop further wasteful national events which, considering vast organising costs (leaflets, posters, transport, phone calls, postcards etc.) are ineffective and unbeneficial to the movement.

But there is a deeper question to be answered: What about the groups which organise these events? - having carefully considered all the implications over a long period of time, I strongly believe that the furtherance of the animal rights movement requires the abolition of the national groups. I regard the national groups to be an unnecessary, bureaucratic and extremely wasteful burden to the fight to gain respect for the rights of animals.

I would like to put forward the reasons why I think the national groups no longer benefit the movement and particularly why their massive running costs are not justified. Also, I put forward some thoughts on how the movement would be structured without national organisations.

The first question to be addressed is the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of pounds every year on buildings and staff. This money is currently spent on the production of literature in the form of leaflets, magazines, bulletins etc. and the payment of people to organise campaigns, collect information on the many aspects of animal exploitation and the day to day administration of the movement. The movement also pays "experts in the field" for talks, debates, press engagements etc.

Each national group shells out on its own buildings and staff which causes a great deal of duplication in all aspects of their work - each group spends considerable resources on advertising and the servicing of its membership with merchandise and literature. How much could be saved if each contributed to a joint magazine based on the "Beast" format - but no, each group jealously guards its individual identity which dilutes the effectiveness of the movement by thinly spreading its finances like margarine.

I believe that the network of local groups, perhaps working within regional frameworks, could produce the necessary material of animal rights campaigning far more cheaply and effectively than the nationals, on a voluntary or semi-voluntary (expenses paid) basis. The main problem is that the present system deliberately deprives them of finances.

The national groups have it all sewn up: whatever happens anywhere in the country - from leafletting, demos, pickets and even ALF raids - they reap the main benefits from the resulting press coverage in the form of donations, legacies and membership enquiries. In this way local campaigners are denied access to the very finances that they helped to raise. The national groups ask local groups for money directly - encouraging the organisation of fund raising events in their names; they ask local groups for money for the privilege of handing out national group leaflets which, due to superior finances, are invariably of better quality and in larger numbers than local groups can afford - of course national group names and addresses appear on the literature, which benefits them alone. They encourage local groups to use national group names on demonstrations, which ensures that financial benefits, particularly legacies, are taken away from the area concerned - national groups have the resources to follow up local actions with newspaper adverts and articles in magazines, which result in legacies.

Incredibly, the present system makes it possible for national groups, even thoses totally opposed to direct action campaigning, to benefit from ALF raids. Some groups even seek to benefit from ALF actions by selecting certain events for publication in their magazines. Everyone knows that the public are confused about the many different animal groups - even the media, who have almost daily contact with animal rights people, constantly get groups mixed up in their reports - and it is not difficult to see that the national groups can benefit, again particularly in the form of legacies, from the press coverage of an ALF raid. Even the RSPCA can benefit in this way.

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These benefits could be classed as incidental, but some national groups deliberately feed off ALF actions if it serves their purpose to do so. The worst offender in this, considering events of the past year, is undoubtedly the BUAVs "Liberator", but a glance at back issues of "Outrage!", "Ag" and, to a lesser extent, "Animals Defender" shows clearly that national groups are well aware of their potential benefit from featuring ALF actions. Conversely - and extremely wisely on their part - the national groups have kept the ALF at arms length to enable them to criticise actions when that is in their interest also. Even the League Against (selected) Cruel Sports, who now take every opportunity to blast the ALF, heavily featured the story about the rescued fox "Tag" - then there was no mention that the hooded activists who cut through fencing to rescue the poor animal were "terrorists" and "loonies". Over the last ten years the League have proved to be the most adept of the band-wagon riders as, throughout the late seventies and early eighties, their finances and membership rocketted when the Hunt Saboteurs were plastering bloodsports all over every aspect of the media.

Compassion In World Farming have been the most recent group to do a discreet about-turn in regard to the ALF. Contemptuous of the fact that they often featured ALF actions against farms in their publication, they now see more to gain in writing, at considerable expense, to the countrys provincial press, branding the ALF as a "lunatic fringe".

Finally on this point; have you ever thought just how cosy it is for the national groups to sit there waiting for news of the latest raid to splash all over their publications, which of course makes them more interesting to read, encouraging membership renewals, new members and legacies? And all this benefit is theirs, without them having to either finance the expensive operations or take the very real risks involved in the rescue of animals or the acquisition of documents etc.

I am convinced that, with financial independence, local groups could benefit the fight for animals far more than the current national group system. Local groups could produce their own campaigning material, if we were only to stop their money being taken away from them. When local groups raise funds it should be for themselves, their names and addresses should be on the leaflets and the posters, their names should appear in the media, they could be the ones appealing for the legacies. Local group leaflets could focus on aspects of animal exploitation in their own areas and we could dispense with the craziness of handing out Porton Down leaflets in Newcastle whilst psychology literature is distributed in areas where no universities exist. Many may wonder about the content of the literature; who would supply the scientific facts and figures? Even now many local groups have members who have large scale knowledge of various aspects of animal abuse, and who knows who will come forward to research subjects once their services were needed? The Hunt Saboteurs have no paid staff, yet they have people available to deal with bloodsports questions, they have members willing to use their time co-ordinating actions, gathering information and dealing with the media - and also, although they hold no national office, people like Angela Walder, Robert Sharpe etc. will still be around.

We could establish animal rights resource centres throughout the country so campaigners could have access to the machinery of animal liberation. The resource centres, perhaps in most major cities and other out-lying areas like Essex, Humberside, Devon etc., would be financed by all the local groups which use their facilities. Equipment would include typewriters, printers, photocopiers etc., artwork and photographs, videos and films, available for use for individuals and groups alike.

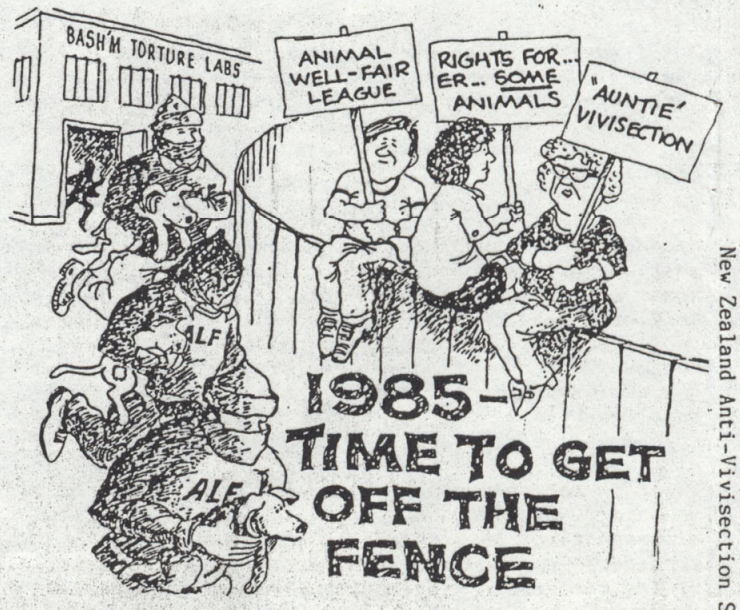
If it was thought productive, local or regional representatives from all areas could meet periodically to discuss nationwide or joint regional actions. General things, like animal rights merchandise, could be produced in one area with costs met by all participating regions through a fund. This would avoid duplication (the kind that now exists between national groups) and most importantly stop many campaigners being bogged down in the "service" parts of the movement.

The staff bills for the NAVS and the BUAV are currently at about £135,000 and £90,000 respectfully; counting the BUAV, NAVS, Animal Aid, CIWF and the LACS together, the movement must be throwing away in excess of £400,000 each year, to pay people to do something their conscience should dictate in the first place. That is just the staff costs. If the national groups were dissolved and their assets shared out throughout the country (and don't forget, we are talking about literally millions of pounds), the regional structures could start on very firm financial footings indeed.

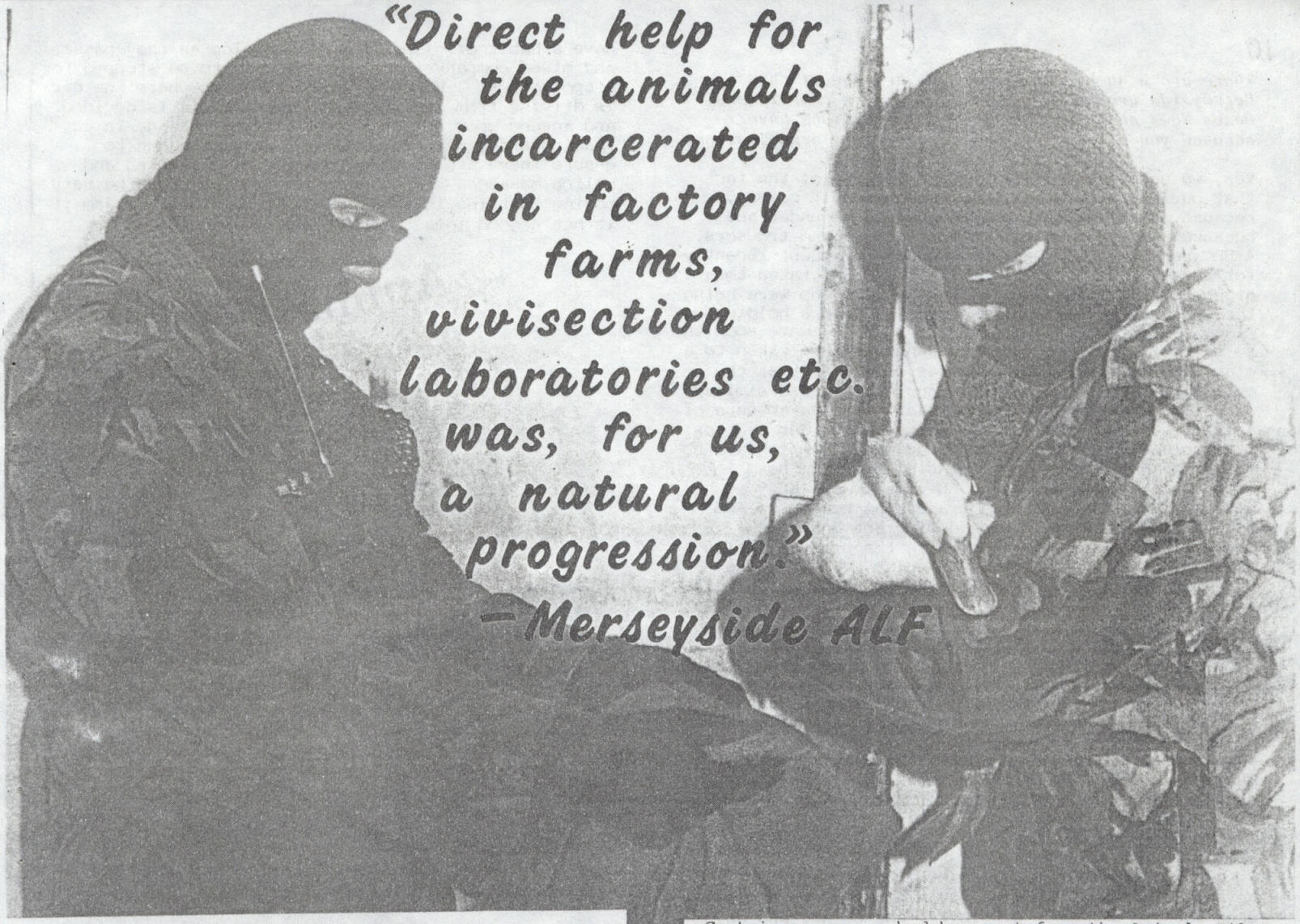
Animal exploitation takes part in every part of the country and the best people to organise opposition to it are locals - of course, that situation is true even now, but our present system allows the national groups to apply financial and emotional pressure to the locals, keeping them financially dependant and so controllable. Many people who went to the recent Hazleton demo. will have seen just how well this once open laboratory is now defended - its a real concentration camp now, both in looks and nature. I feel desperately sad that, due to financial weakness, those first campaigners against Hazleton found it impossible to be effective before the fences and video cameras went up.

I hope that people will take this seriously - I make no claim that I know all the answers, but personal experience of the national groups (I was on the Committee of one for a time) makes me sure that they should go - the sooner the better.

MBF



Taken from the newsletter of the New Zealand Anti-Vivisection Society.



How did the ALF in Merseyside start?

June 1983 marked the preparation for the first raid in Liverpool. A national animal rights march had taken place in Liverpool in May and we had gone as far as we could along the political lobbying path. Direct help for the animals incarcerated in factory farms, vivisection laboratories etc. was for us a natural progression. Approaches to trusted friends confirmed the underlying feeling that now was the time to act. We assembled for a planning meeting when preparations were at an advanced stage. Shortly before dawn on the designated day we not only carried out the raid according to plan with the battery hens going to good homes, but the back-up (rolls of film sellotaped under shelves in phone boxes for local media, a press agency, a roll of colour slides for Granada TV and anonymous phone calls) meant that the 'visit' received local, regional and national news (Radio 1, Telegraph, Granada etc.).

There's a lot of activity in that area - is there just one group or different ALF groups operating in the area?

The success of the first few raids and resulting publicity, as hoped, sparked a wave of support for ALF activities. Careful thought had been given to this eventuality and the next eight people recruited formed 'B' group. While our primary aim was the liberation and rescue of animals, very careful consideration had also been given to our means of publicising events. As soon as one member had completed a basic course in video filming, a co-ordinated action was planned against a target that not only reared rabbits in factory farm conditions for pelts and meat, but also with a number going to labs.

Certain sequences had been cut from the Animals Film shown on national TV. In order to set a precedent on British TV of a film shot by an ALF team we offered the tape to a regional station, Granada TV. A three month legal hassle ensued. In mid January '84 the video was eventually screened alongside footage filmed by Granada at our training area in a wood on the outskirts of Liverpool. Film of a planning meeting was cut because Granadas solicitors deemed it to be constituting incitement. The programme enhanced the standing of the ALF in the North West and brought in more recruits. By the time 'D' group was set up we were drawing on people from outside Liverpool and thus reporting actions as 'Merseyside ALF'. 'C' group members were brought together as they have sensitive jobs. Their first job is one of surveillance/setting up targets, providing plans and back up etc. With different groups, the identities of 'C' and 'D' being unknown to each other and to 'A' and 'B', security as early as the beginning of '84 was solid and the ALF on Merseyside, unstoppable.

There is a lot of animal rescue taking place in Merseyside compared to other areas. In other areas groups find it difficult to rescue animals because of a lack of homes - how do you manage?

So far we have been fortunate. During the extensive arrangements for the Christmas campaign alone we found homes for a variety of animals including ninety-one turkeys and three pigs, although it did involve 'C' group members taking animals as far afield as the South East and Scotland. It is down to the fact that we have not restricted our homing efforts to this region.

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There are a number of vociferous critics of the Merseyside groups. Some animal rights campaigners. Peace News and a few North West politicians have accused you of setting up a paramilitary organisation.

Yes, we understand their concern because of the fact that our training area includes an assault course, because of the cell structure we operate under and because raiders wear camouflage jackets and trousers. A BBC reporter from Belfast who was our guest recently for twenty-four hours was blindfolded and taken to a night-time training session where 'E' group were going through their paces and was then taken to a holding place where rats, rabbits, ducks and hens were soon to be on their way to good homes, and was then taken to a planning meeting. The reporter concluded that the only difference between being our guest and a similar experience that was had in Belfast, was the absence of Armalites. Yet the concern expressed by our critics is misplaced. Apart from an incident in which a member of 'A' group was responsible for the head technician at the notorious 'Devils Tower' at Liverpool University being traced and beaten up, we seek to avoid confrontation during actions. Our methods are geared to incorporate the practicalities of successfully carrying out regular events. The training course, for example, is important because it not only gives one an insight into people themselves, but also fitness, who is suitable for what job, egos etc. We have not had problems as a result of personality clashes etc. as experienced elsewhere. Further, I don't think anyone can accuse us of not having a sense of humour since we let loose Father Christmas on factory farmers over the last two Christmases, complete with balaclava and wellies. He appeared on Granada TV and BBC 1 shortly before Christmas in his new role as an animal liberationist having just freed some turkeys.

How do you go about planning a raid?

We are continually looking for new targets. Existing ones receive a number of visits, one by day and maybe one, but at the most two, by night. Those that are of special interest and not particularly straightforward are placed under surveillance and receive numerous visits, mainly at night. The majority of this work is carried out by 'C' group who are all avid bird watchers, or 'twitchers' as very keen bird watchers are called - don't forget your bird books, binoculars and mixed company. When homes become available, one of the units already covered is chosen and one of the groups notified of a meeting by word of mouth (not by phone or letter). During the brief meeting a date is agreed (taking into account the state of the moon - if it's full you will have a very bright evening/night) and a pick up time and place. No details of the target are yet released. Occasionally it is necessary to hand out a party invitation as one or two people have suspicious parents/family. A raid may take place before the pubs are closed or an hour or two before dawn. A decision has already been made whether the vehicles (not hired vans) can be parked out of sight on a woody track a mile or so away, or are to be called in by CB a similar distance away. Once the group has been picked up they are directed to a house where the briefing takes place. Meanwhile, a separate vehicle has visited one of two safe houses where equipment is held. With the items required for this particular raid already packed, they are driven early/mid evening, after dark, to the area where the group is to be dropped before the raid and here the equipment is well hidden. Care will have been taken by the occupants (one male and one female) of this vehicle that they have not been followed and the passenger uses a personal radio to tune in to police messages. The group at the house are now informed of the target, the plans are shown and the details discussed. The plans dealt with, the group is directed to the 'drop off' to carry out the raid mid evening or otherwise remain hidden until the early hours. If a female member is not driving, a female sits behind the driver. Police have a habit of glancing into vehicles as they pass and mixed company is far less likely to be stopped for a spot check. However, a story (about where the car is driving from and where its going etc.) is decided and agreed upon by all in the car beforehand, in readiness for a police check. Care is taken to ensure there are no uninvited guests following and police messages are monitored. While it can be very boring sitting in a wood from 10.30pm until 2-3am it is not a good idea to travel after 10.30pm.

Animals' new life after snatch

Daily Post, December 10, 1984

10/12/84

ANIMALS snatched from a Merseyside farm by an Animal Liberation squad were on their way to a life of leisure on a free-range farm in the south yesterday.

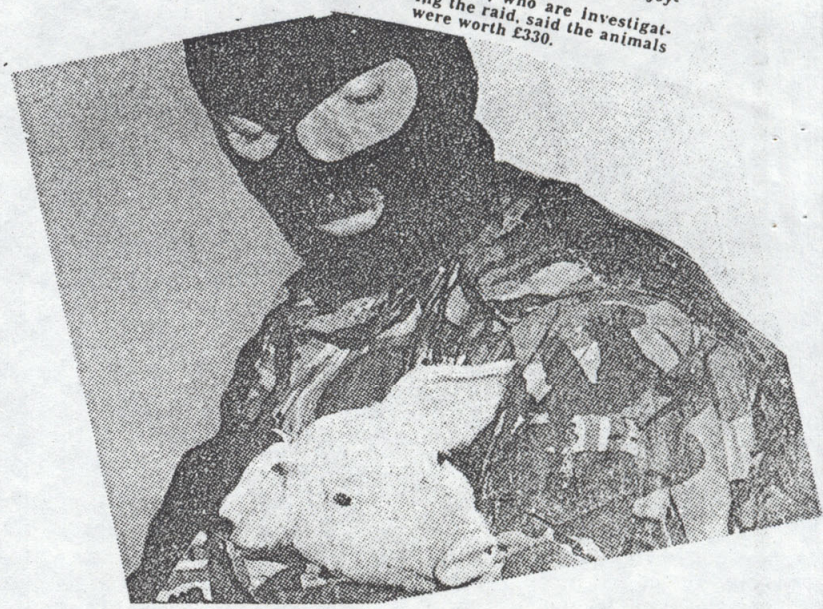
The ten-strong gang stormed the New Bridge Farm, Kirkby, in the early hours of Saturday morning taking three piglets, six broiler hens and 14 battery chickens.

They smashed down doors with sledge hammers, used bolt cutters to by-pass wire fences and padlocks and daubed Animal Liberation Front slogans on buildings at the farm in Sineacre Lane, Simonswood.

A spokesman for the front said last night: "We took the animals away in loose-weave sacks. They feel warm and secure and stay silent, and that is all important for us. Then we carried them to the vehicles two miles away over the fields."

"These animals are kept in very small pens and never see the light of day. The piglets adapted quickly to their new life and are obviously enjoying it.

Police, who are investigating the raid, said the animals were worth £330.



With everyone changed into their footwear for the raid, donning the trousers, jackets, balaclavas and gloves, the tools are distributed. Depending on the unit(s) the items include sledgehammers (only used twice, where it was a case of smash and grab, literally), boltcutters (do not go for the lock but the hasp - wrap a wet towel around it and the cutters, to deaden the sound), crowbars (pull the door from the bottom - you can judge where the lock or the first lock is, insert a small crowbar or large screwdriver a foot away and maintain pressure - a second person then places a large crowbar in and forcefully but gently rocks the bar to and fro. The idea is to loosen the screws so that they eventually pop out, you are not trying to take the door off its hinges), hand braces, to hold either wood drills (for going through a door that is difficult or alarmed in conjunction with a pen saw) or mortar drill (to remove the mortar around bricks), headlamps coated with green nail varnish, sacks with thick rope draw strings (so that when the animals are inside a quick tug seals the sack, the resulting loop being placed over the shoulders leaving the hands free), guard sacks (sacks with two black sprayed brush poles stitched down the inside) used to form a barrier between raiders and guard dogs, binoculars which can be used at night, particularly if

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there is a light on outside the unit, cameras (400 ASA black and white film and 100 ASA colour slides for TV) eqipped with flashguns, 40 channel portable CBs (both flashguns and CBs have Duracel batteries, essential on flashguns as recharge is much quicker).
The route across the fields will have already been walked, but a compass can be handy if the distance to cover is more than a mile, particularly when you have to return in a hurry because dogs set up. Ensure it is of good quality.
Once the target has been checked out by one person, with two keeping watch, the unit(s) is opened up, the door closed as one person enters to open the cages in pitch blackness. Slogans are meanwhile sprayed on the unit and, if necessary, gates chained and locked. Once the cages are open all but the look-outs enter and the door closed. Experienced groups work in darkness (far less noise from battery hens etc.) Otherwise, two lamps of the type bought in car spares shops are placed on the floor at each end of the opened cages and swivelled so that there is a faint green light (the front of the lamp is painted green exactly as the head lamps, which are sometimes needed to be used when opening battery cages that not only use the usual clips, but are also wired up).
Working in twos, one clasps, say, a battery hen (remembering the wings are quite strong) so that the head is faced away from you, while the other holds the sacks which are rolled down to the draw string beforehand, which helps keep the neck open. The hen goes in head first - DO NOT let go until you have the hen sitting at the bottom of the sack. Rabbits go back end first because of the large back legs. Rodents, chicks etc. go into boxes. When you return to the rendezvous you should have timed it so that you can set off at dawn. If unsure of timing, arrive back while its still dark. It is important not to work to a pattern (eg. actions every Saturday night). Weekdays are good because of the amount of early traffic. Saturday nights are the worst.
One final and very important point - the points I've mentioned are the basics. For obvious reasons we do not wish to describe any of the methods that have been refined, but refined they can be.

What has been the reaction from the authorities?

Until we removed and destroyed the electrocution box at Warrington RSPCA, none. Following the destruction of this barbaric implement of death, that often simply burnt dogs on the first attempt before a second or third attempt put the poor dog (standing in water inside and wired up) to death and out of its misery, the Special Branch raided homes but fortunately the wrong people were chosen and they found nothing. It became obvious that the SB had a few of its people working with the CID trying to bust the ALF on Merseyside. One person was offered a sum of money, with regular monthly payments, for information. ALF raids continued unabated. When Beechers Brook was destroyed, despite the presence of police and security guards at Aintree, 40 soldiers were brought in to protect the racecourse the night before the '84 Grand National. Again, following a job at Widnes when a wealthy landowner offered £1,000 cash for the identity of the Merseyside ALF co-ordinater, the wrong people were raided and nothing found. With the successful completion of the Christmas campaign, culminating in the destruction of the main stand at Aintree racecourse (estimated damage £100,000) it was obvious from media contacts that the SB were following up every report.
It is worth mentioning that anyone contemplating taking part in ALF activities should not attract attention. The raids here by the SB and CID have been at the homes of people arrested for fur shop sit-ins etc.
As part of the training, a simulated police interrogation gives activists some idea of what to expect and so prepare them for any eventuality.

How far are you prepared to go?

Changing attitudes towards the role of the ALF in relation to the lobbying process, and of late amongst the most experienced ALF raiders on Merseyside in relation to regular ALF actions, has led to a final break with tradition. The destruction of the Aintree stand and the Landrover of Liverpools leading angler were designed to test a new device we have prepared. Saturday 23rd March 1985 marked the turning point for some Merseyside activists.
On Sunday morning, 24th, the Press Association received a call from the ALF giving details of the destruction of a meat factory close to the abbatoir at Birkenhead on Merseyside. The North West media immediately picked up the story and details passed to the new Northern Press Officer, Richard Walker. Though the explosion blew the roof off, the first radio reports also mentioned that an elderly woman had been taken to hospital for treatment for shock (she lives further along the road on the opposite side). A decision was made to halt preparations for a press conference and make no further statements. Despite regular calls from the Press Association we remained quiet. The woman had also seen the two activists as they left the building at 11.40pm Saturday night and had given descriptions to the police. In the event, we learned on the Monday afternoon that her visit to hospital was only a precaution and she did not require treatment.

Santa in farm grab

SANTA CLAUS has saved 10 turkeys from the dinner table.
Animal Liberation Front raiders — one of them in Father Christmas garb — snatched the birds from Grove Farm, Ormskirk.

ANTI-ANGLING fanatics set up a deadly firebomb inside the car of a top Merseyside fisherman.
They placed petrol containers and firelighters in the angler's Land-Rover and set them alight.
Then the attackers painted a chilling message on the front door of the man's house nearby. It read: "L.A.C.S. — fish feel pain too."
The bomb was spotted by a neighbour, who alerted firemen and police minutes before it exploded.
Today, as detectives try to catch the gang responsible, organisers of Britain's biggest participant sport, issued a general warning to all anglers.
They have issued an appeal to be vigilant, claiming that hardliners have declared war against the sport in this area.

By Bob Burns
crime reporter

But organisers of the League Against Cruel Sports — presumably the initials of which were daubed in white paint on the victim's front door — have rejected claims that their members were involved.
Spokesman John Bryant said that L.A.C.S. was only involved in protesting against blood-sports — and then only through political lobbying and public persuasion.
He said: "We have members who are anglers themselves. Who ever is responsible is a maniac and should be locked away."
The incident happened in Skelmersdale, but the Liverpool-born angler has asked not to be named.

Above - 'Liverpool Echo' 11.12.84. Part of Merseyside ALFs successful 'Cruelty at Christmas' campaign.

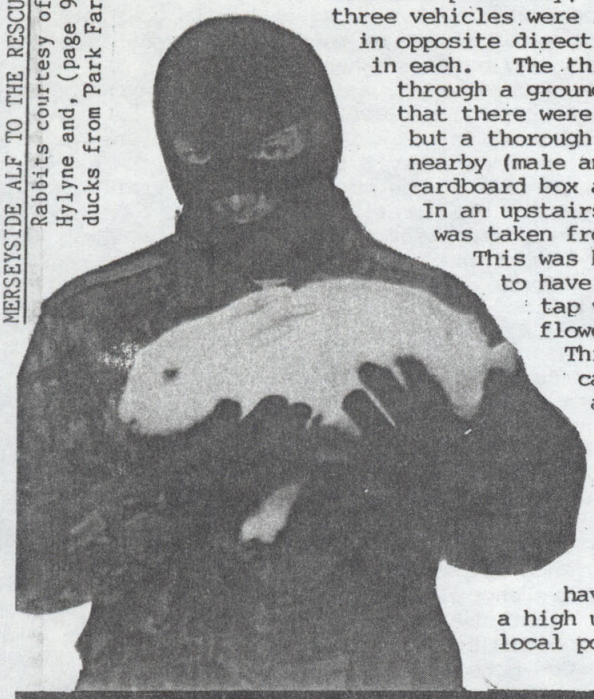
Right - 'Liverpool Echo' 20.3.85. Response to scurrilous attacks on the ALF by Dick Course, on a Radio 4 programme.

Below - £100,000 damage caused in arson attack at Aintree racecourse, home of the cruel and degrading 'Grand National' horse race.

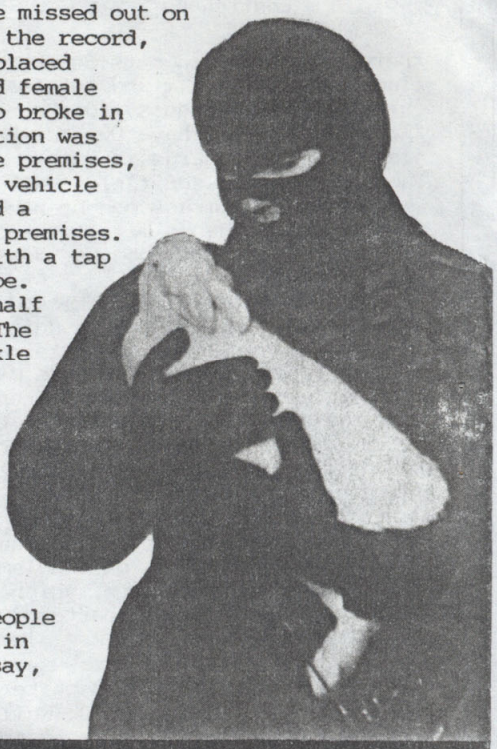
by Tony Martin

THE Animal Liberation Front yesterday claimed responsibility for the blaze at Aintree racecourse.
A spokesman claiming to represent the front said in a telephone call to the *Daily Post*, "As a civilised society we should not support this the world's cruelest horse race."
"This is the time of the year for peace on Earth. We would ask everyone to spare a thought for all the horses that have been crippled and killed at Aintree.
Police and fire brigade forensic experts have so far failed to pinpoint the cause of the blaze which caused an estimated £100,000 worth of damage to the Victorian County grandstand.
The fire is known to have started in the lawn ar in the stand which faces the Ormskirk Road finishing line for the historic race.
Yesterday, Aintree racecourse general manager John Parrett gave an assurance that the 1985 National would go ahead.

MERSEYSIDE ALF TO THE RESCUE
Rabbits courtesy of Hylyne and, (page 9) ducks from Park Farm.



We are satisfied that the factory was destroyed and, although we missed out on national publicity, our primary aim had been achieved. For the record, three vehicles were involved, all with CBs. Two cars were placed in opposite directions with the factory in view, a male and female in each. The third vehicle dropped off two activists who broke in through a ground floor window at 11.00pm. Our information was that there were no security guards and no animals on the premises, but a thorough search was made before returning to the vehicle nearby (male and female in front seats). Both carried a cardboard box and 40 channel portable CB back into the premises. In an upstairs room a large plastic water container with a tap was taken from one box and placed alongside a gas pipe. This was half full with petrol, allowing the top half to have a mixture of oxygen and petrol fumes. The tap was turned on so that only a slight trickle flowed. The second box was placed on top. This contained fire lighters and two candles with four table tennis balls attached, each filled with paraffin from a syringe. A gas appliance was switched on, the candles lit, and the door closed. The resulting explosion not only took the roof off but also completely destroyed the whole factory (estimated damage £200,000). While a number of people have expressed concern about the jobs lost in a high unemployment area they are, needless to say, local political lobbyists.



Prisoners . . .

Iain McCann, a man who has devoted a good deal of his time to tracking down pet thieves, is still in custody in Winchester prison charged with arson following an incident in which 5 vehicles were damaged by fire at Cottage Patch Kennels near Fareham, Hants on November 8th last year. The kennels supply dogs for vivisection. Please write to Iain McCann, J92353, HM Prison, Romsey Rd., Winchester, Hants. (Donations to ALF SG).

Two animal liberation activists John Curtin and Terry Helsby, have been commited for trial on various charges in connection with the attempted digging up of evil bloodsports fanatic the Duke of Beaufort. They are still in custody and have now been split up and moved from Bristol Prison. Please write to them - Terry Helsby F17287, HM Prison, Barrack Square, Gloucester and John Curtin, F17288, HM Prison, Knox Rd., Cardiff. (Donations to Bristol Defence Fund, c/o BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX).

Roger Yates has been remanded in custody, charged with threatening that criminal damage might be caused. He is currently in Armley Prison in Leeds.
(Donations to ALF SG).

Steve Burrow and Paul Kennedy are awaiting sentence on charges of going eqipped to cause criminal damage. They are still in prison.
(Donations to ALF SG).

Four animal liberation campaigners (Dave Babbington, Steve Symonds, Carlo Hanshaw and Graham Mitchell) have each been sentenced to imprisonment for an arson attack on the admin. offices of the Ministry of Agriculture vivisection lab. in Leeds, which caused £25,000 damage. Graham and Steve were each given 2 years in prison and Carlo and Dave each received 2 years and 6 months, plus an additional 1 month each for damaging a butchers shop. Please write to them c/o NEAL, Box 15, 59 Cookridge St., Leeds L52 3AW. Donations can also be sent to that address.

Angus McInnes, remanded in custody on charges in connection with the contamination of Beechams products with urine, as part of a campaign against cruel animal tests carried out by the company. Angus McInnes, Prisoner on Remand, HM Prison, Barlinnie, Glasgow.

Andy Horbury, sentenced to two years imprisonment in connection with raid on notorious Cocksparrow fur farm in which thousands of pounds damage was caused and 30 Blue Arctic foxes rescued. Please write to Andy Horbury, C54255, HM Prison, Winson Green Rd., Birmingham, B18 4AS.
(Donations to SARG Defence Fund, PO Box 205, Sheffield, 1BW).

We did have a major article for this issue of the newsletter - about Cocksparrow, the raid, the trial and the implications of the two year prison sentence given to Andy Horbury for his part in rescuing the foxes. However, our only copy of the article is currently at Scotland Yard, where they are refusing to return it. We'll include it in a future issue when, if, we get it back.

SUPPORT FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS is a group supporting people imprisoned for animal rights activities. Their aims are 1) widespread distribution of up to date information on prisoners to enable those outside to write to i) the prisoners themselves, ii) Governers of prisons where prisoners are being denied vegan food, toiletries or clothing & iii) the Home Office, to establish the right to these necessities. 2) To provide funds for i) the travel costs of visitors on a low income, ii) newspapers, magazines & books for the prisoners & iii) vegan food for prisoners on remand to supplement the inadequate prison diet.
Please send them an SAE for further information, money and any information you may have (names & locations of prisoners, copies of letters received from the Home Office or the prisons etc.).
SARP Box 101, 84b Whitechapel High St., London, E1.

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Six alleged ALF members are facing charges at Wrexham, N Wales in connection with the damaging of meat lorries and vans, the premises of a meat co. and Boots the Chemists. One of them is also charged with threatening to break the windows of shops displaying circus posters. All are on bail.
(Donations to ALF SG).

19 activists are due to face trial at Crown Court on charges of conspiracy to rob. This follows the carrying out of 3 co-ordinated raids (organised by SEALL) in October last year against premises connected with vivisection in Hants, in which damage was caused and documents taken.
(Donations to Wickham Defence Fund, c/o BARG, Students Union, Brunel University, Uxbridge, Middx, UB8 3PH).

3 alleged ALF members due to appear at Dudley Crown Court charged with causing damage to vehicles at the Dewhursts Butchers depot at Smethwick, West Midlands. (2 others previously charged with conspiracy have had their charges dropped).
(Donations to ALF SG).

3 ALF activists have been fined a total of nearly £400 on charges connected with the spraying of slogans at Ross-on-Wye cattle market and damaging a tractor there.
(Donations to ALF SG).

30 people have been sent for trial (on bail) on charges of conspiracy to cause criminal damage and to do burglary in connection with a raid last year on the Unilever vivisection lab. in Bedfordshire by the Eastern Animal Liberation League. Of the 42 people originally charged, one was tragically killed in a motorbike accident and the other 11 had the charges against them thrown out at the committal proceedings.
(Donations to EALL Defence Fund, c/o Doorway Bookshop, 18 Victoria Rd., Northampton).

4 people from Sheffield are on bail awaiting trial on charges of going equipped to cause arson at a vivisection establishment at Wetherby, Yorks.
(Donations to SARG Defence Fund, PO Box 205, Sheffield, 1BW).

18 people are currently on trial at Knutsford Crown Court (Cheshire) on various charges in connection with a raid on the nearby ICI animal torture labs. in April last year. Some of them could face prison sentences as £13,000 damage was caused.
(Donations to NALL, 10, Great Ancoats Street, Manchester 4).

Marcus Claridge has been ordered to pay in the region of £500 after pleading guilty to his part in a raid last December when 20 cats were rescued from Perrycroft Lodge, Colwall, Worcs. - an establishment which breeds and supplies animals for vivisection. Marcus refused to name the other raiders or to tell the police the whereabouts of the cats.
(Donations to Defence Fund, c/o Cheltenham AR, 12 York St., Cheltenham).

Leeds activist Peter Hogg given a suspended sentence and ordered to pay £275 for attacks on butchers shops.
(Donations to ALF SG).

4 animal liberation campaigners from the South Midlands fined £200 each by Bletchley Magistrates on charges of going equipped to damage a meat factory.
(Donations to ALF SG).

Animal liberation activist Chris Tucker fined £90 and ordered to pay £60 for spraying slogans on butchers shops and burger bars in the Hounslow, Middx area.
(Donations to ALF SG).

Jane Holgate has been acquitted at Derby Crown Court of an arson charge in connection with an attack on empty broiler sheds near Chesterfield last year.

4 members of Dartford and Bexley Animal Rights Group were given conditional discharges and ordered to pay more than £1,400 for attacks on butchers and fishing tackle shops and cars belonging to animal abusers.
(Donations to ALF SG).

10 people from Nottingham are facing charges (some of them serious eg. arson) in connection with raids on animal abuse targets (meat factories, butchers shops, schools involved in dissection etc.)
(Donations to ALF SG).

4 animal liberation campaigners fined a total of over £700 by Preston (Lancs) Magistrates for damage to vehicles belonging to the meat industry.
(Donations to ALF SG).

Several animal liberation activists face charges after being arrested for attacks on shops involved in animal abuse during a night of action in Huddersfield.
(Donations to Huddersfield Animal Rights Group, PO Box B9, Huddersfield, W Yorks).

Two animal rights campaigners from East London have been charged with criminal damage to butchers shops.
(Donations to ALF SG).



" Are you sure this is a good idea, Nigel ? "

Due to the increase in arrests - the natural result of the increase in direct action taking place - we have been forced to make certain decisions about the financial support that the SG can give to arrested activists. Persons arrested for ALF activities, who give no statement whatsoever to the police, other than "No comment", will still be eligible for full financial support (negotiable with the individuals concerned, depending on their own financial situation). Persons arrested for ALF activities who give a statement to the police admitting their own guilt of the 'offence' or in any other way helping the police with their enquiries (ie. stating anything other than name, address and "No comment") will be eligible for half the sum of their fines, costs etc. Persons arrested for ALF activities, who say anything to the police which in any way whatsoever incriminates, or could potentially incriminate, any ALF activist or any animal liberation campaigner will receive no financial aid from the SG and we will not set up Defence Funds for them. Actions carried out by other organisations or individuals (ie. actions not claimed by the Animal Liberation Front) can no longer receive financial support from the SG. We will, however, continue to include all arrested activists in the 'Defence Funds' sections of the newsletters, along with alternative addresses for those that we will not be supporting ourselves, so that those who wish to help them can write directly to the alternative addresses.

...and attack!

Animal Rights threat to circus

SMASH-UP THREAT

ANIMAL Rights protesters have warned city shopkeepers who are advertising the appearance of Robert Brothers Circus in Sheffield, that their windows may be smashed.

Shopkeepers were warned that if adverts were not removed from windows by 7pm tonight the protesters will "remove the windows from the posters".

A LEADING Rotherham agent have had their window sm by angry animal rights campaig

Woodcock Travel in H Street are acting as booking ag a circus which is coming to S next week.

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After four years absence, the Big Top was returning to Sheffield. The two biggest circuses, Hoffmans American and Roberts Brothers, were simultaneously bringing their degrading and cruel shows to a city which banned them from council land over ten years ago.

Our first step was an attempt to curtail the massive advertising via posters displayed in shop windows. Our spokeswoman contacted the press and issued a statement to the effect that any shops which didn't remove posters by the next evening, would have the windows removed from the posters. The warning was published in both local newspapers and broadcast on local radio. The effect was stunning. Seventy percent of shops removed their posters immediately, and this was supplemented by activists, posing as circus officials, claiming that the circuses had been cancelled.

However, we had to back up our threat and that night fifteen shops had their windows smashed. The police and/or the media hushed up the actions, realising that panic would ensue. It was time for a change of tactics.

A chain of travel agents, Woodcock Travel, was acting as advanced booking agents for both circuses. The following night the ALF simultaneously attacked five branches of Woodcock Travel, smashing four windows and glueing one lock. Over £1500 damage was caused. The attacks made headline news in the local media, with an ALF spokesman giving an interview on Radio Hallam. A Woodcock official refused to say whether they would continue to sell tickets. We knew they would continue.

Two nights later, the ALF carried out an arson attack at another Woodcock branch. The fire didn't take hold but, despite claims to the contrary, a plush carpet worth hundreds of pounds was ruined. Once again the media widely reported the action and another ALF spokesperson was interviewed by the local radio. Now the whole city seemed to be waiting for the next attack.

Immediately, all the large branches stopped selling tickets, or so we believed. But it didn't take long before one activist was able to persuade one branch to sell her a ticket 'on the quiet'. This time we contacted Woodcocks head office and, to our amazement, got through to Mr. Woodcock. He was told to instruct all his branches to cease the sale of circus tickets, or the attacks would continue - even after the circus had left. He had until three o'clock. At four o'clock two small out of town branches were still selling tickets.

That night, another five branches were attacked, three windows smashed and two locks glued. Unfortunatly, one person was caught glueing a lock. Boris was arrested and detained all weekend and, despite being 'roughed up', he refused to make any comment. The cops were trying to pin the whole thing on him by means of a conspiracy charge. Boris appeared in court on the Monday morning and was remanded in custody for three days. Again he was questioned, again he was roughed up and again he made no comment. On the Wednesday, Boris pleaded guilty to damaging a lock. He was given a conditional discharge and ordered to pay £61 compensation. Had Boris not remained silent, he could have gone to prison for years. That's the difference between making a statement and keeping quiet.

While Boris was inside, another three Woodcock Travel branches were attacked, despite claims of a twenty four hour police watch.

The circuses are now here but the immense security left little room for attacks at either site. At Roberts Brothers opening night, the turnout was only thirty percent of capacity, which we feel was largely due to our actions.

AFTER BEING INTERVIEWED ON RADIO SHEFFIELD ABOUT THE ACTIONS, ALF NORTHERN PRESS OFFICER, RICHARD WALKER, VISITED THE "ZOO" OF ROBERTS BROTHERS CIRCUS WHO WERE SETTING UP AT THE TIME. THIS IS AN EXCERPT FROM A LETTER HE SENT TO SHEFFIELDS "MORNING TELEGRAPH".

"Asleep in a 'beast wagon' - a cage on wheels - were a number of lionesses, not surprising since there was nothing else to do in their prison. In a tent I found horses in individual pens, some camels and three elephants who were displaying obvious signs of great stress. The elephants, chained to the floor by a fore and hind leg, were rocking backwards and forwards, weaving about and rolling their heads which, according to RSPCA literature, is typical stereotyped abnormal behaviour caused by social and physical deprivation.

"Before a wild animal can be made to perform it first must be tamed to break its spirit, then trained to do the movements required for its 'act' and finally rehearsed to substantiate that training. Circus proprieters often state that animal welfare groups are free to inspect animal training sessions but this is not true - no animal protection official has ever witnessed animal training, let alone the taming of the animals - it is the rehearsals to which they are invited."



Smashed windows ultimatum to shops

SHOPS displaying advert for the visit of Robert Brothers circus to Sheffie next month have 24 hou to remove them bef their windows smashed, an Animal Li ation Front spokeswo warned last night.

In a phone call Morning Telegra woman said: "An or premises dis posters advertis degrading an spectacle will legitimate target

"Any shop displaying su have 24 hours them from th otherwise the remove

Activists campaign to stop a circus

A CIRCUS showman this afternoon spoke out against animal activists who have launched a campaign to try to stop him opening in Sheffield.

The Animal Liberation Front smashed windows at four offices in Sheffield and Rotherham where tickets for Robert Brothers Circus were being sold.

Earlier this week the group also smashed windows of 15 shops showing circus posters.

The Animal Liberation Front is threatening more attacks, protesting that animals are mistreated.

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Travel agents target of fury

ANIMAL rights activists left a trail of destruction across the region yesterday in a series of raids on travel agents.

Windows were smashed, causing hundreds of pounds of damage, and locks were glued up as shops belonging to the Woodcock chain of travel agents became the latest target of the extremists' fury.

By MARTIN EDWARDS

yesterday at shops in Middlewood Road and on Wicker, Sheffield, and Howard Street, Rotherham, all of which had bricks thrown through their windows.

At the company's city centre office in Arundel Gate staff arrived for work to find that the raiders had jammed the front door with glue.

He refused to say whether the policy of selling tickets at the shops would be reconsidered because of the raids.

The ALF said its campaign because of all cramped conditi animals.

Activists' fire bid

ANIMAL Liberation Front activists stepped up their campaign against a circus which is coming to Sheffield by trying to burn down a Rotherham shop selling tickets for the big top.

Petrol was poured through the letterbox of Woodcock Travel in Howard Street.

It is the latest in a week of attacks against the travel firm's offices, and windows of 15 shops have also been smashed.

The Animal Liberatin Front claimed responsibility for the raid in a call to The Star in Sheffield today.

The group is campaigning against Robert Brothers Circus which is due to ope in Sheffield at Easter.

Although we didn't achieve a total victory many lessons have been learned. Woodcocks will never again sell tickets for the circus, it just won't be worth the trouble. Similarly, there will be few other volunteers for this dubious privilege, if any. Without advanced ticket sales the circuses simply can't operate. We will be interested to see if other groups follow these tactics. (Ticket agents are usually listed on advertising posters.) If a local shop or travel agent is selling tickets it is worth checking in the Yellow Pages for addresses of other branches of the same shop.

Secondly, once again we see the wisdom of saying absolutely nothing if you are arrested. It is better to undergo a touch of hassle from CID than to spend eighteen months in prison.

Sheffield ALF

I was arrested as I walked along Middlewood Road on Friday 29th March at approx. 2200hrs. I had just committed an act of minor criminal damage to a lock of Woodcock Travel. I was taken, upon arrest, to Hammerton Road Police Station by two plain clothes police officers, where I was placed in a cell. At 2250hrs. I was taken out of the cell and interviewed by two CID officers who charged me. I made no reply to the charge and asked for my mother to be notified. I was then returned to the cell.

At approx. 0100hrs. I was again taken out of the cell and interviewed by the same CID officers as before. They began to question me about animal rights and about who put me up to this attack. I remained adamant that I knew nothing. This line of questioning continued for about thirty minutes during which time the CID became increasingly threatening. Eventually CID officer Newton grabbed hold of my coat lapels and squeezed them until breathing became difficult. I was told that if I did not co-operate then I would be beaten to within an inch of my life. I said nothing. Mr. Newton removed my glasses and threw me lengthways onto the table. One of my legs hit the typewriter and the other one hit a mug, breaking the handle off. I was asked to sit back in the chair by CID and my glasses were returned. The officers then phoned my mother. This was about 0220hrs. After speaking with my mother I gave the phone back to one of the officers, who told my mother that I'd be back home in an hour if I confessed. I was again asked if I wanted to say anything. I replied "I don't know anything, so how can I tell you anything?" I was placed back in the cell.

I was taken out of the cell again at about 0330hrs. and I made a statement admitting damaging a lock. "I did it because I saw an article in Wednesdays paper." I was asked if I'd been to any animal rights meetings lately. I replied "no". I was then returned to the cell. Early next morning I was taken out of the cell again to sign for my keys. I thought I was going with them to my flat. I was returned to the cell however. They did not have a warrant to search my flat but they recovered the following items from it: 1) A cloth map of Peak District, 2) A card from workmates at Poly., 3) A sheet of notepaper with a rough outline of a statement to the police concerning an earlier incident.

I was taken out of the cell again, later that morning, and interviewed by three CID officers, Mr. Green, Mr. Newton and Mr. Hyde. I was questioned for a short time about glueing the lock, but after about ten minutes the line of questioning changed towards what other damage had been caused to other Woodcock Travel shops on the same night. How was it that I just happened to attack the same shop that had been attacked the previous Tuesday? What are the names of the people who put you up to this? You're not clever enough to organise these attacks, so who did? I told them that I had read it in the newspapers. Mr. Newton replied "Bollocks. I don't think Boris understands what he's facing, Mr. Green. Look Boris, we know you're on bail for two other things, one in Sheffield which we know about and one in Bedford." Mr. Green interrupted, "Ah, you didn't think we knew about that did you? What's that about then?" I didn't reply. "Oh come on Boris, we can find out just by phoning the police in Bedford." I replied "If you can find out by phoning up, go on then." Mr. Green said "Christ, Boris you're on bail twice, if you don't co-operate with us and tell us a few names, you'll definitely go to prison, and you couldn't cope with that, believe me. You don't have a toilet in your cell, all you have is a bucket in the corner. You have to share that with six other blokes, big blokes. You wouldn't last very long, physically or mentally. If you don't co-operate with us then I'll see to it that you get put in a cell with men who don't like little boys like you, and they won't give you a good time." I said "I still don't know anything." Mr. Green replied "We can't help you now Boris", and he left the room with Mr. Hyde, leaving Mr. Newton and myself alone.

You're on a roundabout now Boris and it's going faster and faster, once you're on it you never get off, and you're on it." He stood up in front of me. "Get up now Boris." I refused. Mr. Newton said "I'm not like Mr. Green, now stand up." "I'm not standing up." He grabbed hold of my coat lapels and pulled them together and then pulled me to my feet. He released one hand and placed it tightly round my neck. He then removed my glasses and placed them on to a table. He then grabbed hold of my lapels again and lifted me off the ground. He head-butted me hard on my forehead and then threw me across the room. I crashed into the door, hitting my back against it. Mr. Newton then stepped up and kicked me hard in the back several times. I was then lifted up and made to stand in front of a chair. My glasses were given back to me, and as I was putting them on Mr. Newton punched me in the stomach twice, causing much pain. I sat down on the chair bent double.

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As I regained my breath Mr. Green reappeared and began to question me again. I said "I'm going to complain about what he just did, don't think I'm not." Mr. Green replied "That's nothing to what you're going to get if you don't tell us what we want to know." I said "I don't know anything." Mr. Green said "Don't give us that, who told you to glue the shop?" "Nobody" I replied. Mr. Green interrupted, "Lies, lies, lies. Both you and I know that's what you've been told to say, now if you don't want another chat with Mr. Newton you'd better tell me a few names. Let's start with the people we all know. Tell me who is the man who's been on TV talking about the Animal Liberation Front. "I don't know." This type of questioning continued for about thirty minutes, during which time I maintained that I knew nothing. Then Mr. Green and Mr. Newton left the room and I was left alone with Mr. Hyde.

Mr. Hyde took my glasses off and thumped me in the stomach a few times. He told me that if I did not tell him the organiser of the Animal Liberation Front in Sheffield, then he'd beat me to within an inch of my life. I said nothing, and Mr. Hyde left the room. A few minutes later, Mr. Green entered the room and sat at the table. He began talking about why I behaved unlike all other men and boys - was I attracted to men? Did I have any gay friends? Was I homosexually motivated? I said nothing.

Later Mr. Green said "Do you want to tell me anything, now that we're alone? Remember, anything you say is strictly between you and me, no-one in your group will ever know that you told us. Listen Boris, what the ALF are doing is the wrong way to go about things. I mean, I love animals, I've got two dogs of my own etc. etc." He went on, "Boris, you're on bail twice already, there's no way you'll be going home to your mother. You'll be going to prison, treated like a common criminal, mixing with the likes of the bloke in the opposite interview room last night, you don't want that, do you? Now if you were to tell me a few names of the other people involved,....I mean, where are they now? They aren't in a freezing cell are they? No, they're laughing their fucking heads off 'Ha, Boris has been arrested again'. But if you were to help me, my boss could have a word with the Magistrate. I could get your charges dropped, both this one and your other criminal damage offence, we can't get the one in Bedford dropped but we can make sure you get off extremely lightly.... Have you ever heard of a retainer Boris? Well, that's where, in return for information given, an amount of money is given to you. In this case we could give you £25 a month. The money doesn't come from us, it comes from a separate branch which deals with this sort of thing. Now you'll have to go back to your cell, but remember, only you and I will ever know." Nothing more happened and the interview ended at about 1300hrs. I was returned to the cell.

Later on I was taken to a different room where two apparently senior men were sitting. I can't remember their names or what exactly was said. Generally, they went over what was said by Green, Newton and Hyde. I remained adamant that I knew no names.

At about 1820hrs. I was taken down to Bridge Street Police Station and placed in a cell. Later that night or early next morning, Mr. Green came into my cell and asked me if I wanted to say anything. I declined and he said "Right, you're coming down to Hammerton Road again." He didn't take me to Hammerton Road again and left after ten minutes.

"I read a remark that your young people are having to make up for the work which <u>our</u> generation neglected during our time. At least our older generation might have the decency to admit it and try to defend them when they find trouble."
(Excerpt from a letter sent to us by an SG member, an old aged pensioner in Rotherham.)

The next morning my solicitor, David Adams, visited me in my cell. He noticed the bruises on my forehead and on my back. I informed him that I had been beaten up and he replied "Yes, I can see." I also told him about the bribery attempt.

The following morning, Monday April 1st, I was visited by a colleague of Mr. Adams who told me that I would probably be remanded in custody. I asked him if he could see bruises on my back. He said that he could. I appeared in Court and was remanded in local custody for three days. I was taken down to a cell.

At about 1600hrs. the Charge Officer came to my cell and told me I was being transferred to Hammerton Road. I told him I didn't believe him. He went away but returned ten minutes later and dragged me along the corridor. I was struggling because I thought I was going to be beaten up again. Green, Newton and Hyde were waiting for me at the office. They took me down to Hammerton Road and again I was put in a cell. At about 1900hrs. I was taken from the cell and placed in an interview room and told my solicitor would be arriving shortly. During this period I was verbally abused by several people, including the terrible three. This abuse ceased at 1910hrs. when my solicitor David Adams arrived. I was questioned for about half an hour along the same lines as before but without the threats or assaults.

Later on Mr. Green took me downstairs to be finger-printed and photographed, and he offered me £50 cash for information. I said nothing and he asked me to think about it. At this time he was very friendly. I was taken back to Bridge Street.

The following day saw nothing of consequence, just the tedium and boredom of a police cell. I appeared in Court on Wednesday 3rd April, where I pleaded guilty to damaging a lock. I was conditionally discharged for twelve months, and ordered to pay £61 compensation. Immediately after leaving the Courtroom, I made notes of my ordeal from which this statement is compiled. About twelve days later on Monday April 15th I made an official complaint to the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police.

Boris - Sheffield - Aged 20

Man charged

A man is to appear before Sheffield magistrates today charged with criminal damage after a series of raids on travel agencies in the Woodcock chain last week.



"He doesn't want to leave — he's hibernating."



POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING -THE ROAD TO VIOLENCE

(DIRECT ACTION V POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS)

I would like to explore some thoughts in relation to a conflict between those who support animal rights campaigns on a political level and those who employ direct action.

Apart from the actual liberation of animals from vivisection laboratories and factory farms etc., the charge against direct action made by political campaigners is that it involves violence to buildings in the form of (criminal) damage and sometimes the threat of violence to people. It strikes me that those supporting this view and opposing direct action for those reasons have not thought their argument through. Firstly, there is no evidence to show that any ALF members have ever physically attacked an animal exploiter. However, damage to buildings connected with animal abuse is one of the policies of the ALF. This, I would say, is a necessary part of a campaign of economic sabotage designed to financially cripple animal exploitation.

This aim, it could be argued, could be achieved by public boycotts. While this is certainly true (and so supported by the ALF) in the case of the meat and fur trade, circuses and zoos etc., public boycotts are only marginally effective against animal experimentation and not effective against bloodsports. Some people may say that to financially cripple these trades - to literally force them out of existence - would cause resentment and they would seek to re-establish themselves ie. force themselves back in. Do not political campaigners regard legislation as force? - the force of law.

So let's take ourselves down the road of political campaigning - it's something like this: People are educated about animal abuse, they come to oppose it, they lobby their MPs and when enough people do this the MPs legislate: They create laws which make animal abuse illegal - they force it to stop.

As yet, direct action has not forced any aspect of animal abuse out of existence, but political campaigning has forced the "sports" of badger baiting, bear baiting, cock fighting etc. to be made illegal. There is no doubt that many illegal sports still continue, so even though political campaigning has run its course, the abuse is not stopped. Although opinion polls are misleading, it is safe to assume that the vast majority of people are against bloodsports and it is likely that those who oppose badger baiting number about 99% of the population, if not more. Does this statistic influence those who enjoy badger baiting? To stop it completely will need the full force of the law - or direct action.



"It's a note from the Animal Liberation Front"

WEEKEND, March 20-26, 1985

It is equally safe to assume that sexually assaulting horses is illegal but recently Animal Rights Thanet (ART) have reported that in their area animals have been abused in this way. ART state that the police and horse "owners" were apathetic so they decided to resolve the situation by their members staking out local fields to catch the culprit. The horse attacker was duly caught - with the forthright use of direct action and a fair amount of violence: "The two male members of the group brought him down and two female members assisted in his retention whilst the fifth person ran for the phone. It took all the groups strength to hold a violent, desperate person until the police arrived. The attacker has now been dealt with by the courts and admitted a number of serious attacks for which he received three years imprisonment."

VIOLENCE

ALF policy is to rescue animals from suffering and to economically sabotage the industries and individuals involved in animal exploitation. There is little doubt that if these actions were vastly increased, animal abuse would end at the time it became financially unviable. Sporting and uncommercial exploitation of animals would end because it would become more trouble than it was worth. Both the above policies can be achieved without recourse to violence to people.

But can the political campaigners achieve animal liberation without violence, or the very real threat of violence, to people? The answer to that is 'no'. Laws threaten violence - firstly to a persons finances and then to their person. If a person breaks a law, generally that leads to a fine - a punishment that damages that persons finances. But what if this person persists in the breaking of law - the new law to protect animals: Imprisonment in a cell comparable to the state of circus and zoo animals at the present time. Is not the act of imprisonment a form of violence - both mental and physical?

> Although power is sustained by the threat of violence, it always applauds non-violence in its opponents. It offers 'reasonable', 'civilized' negotiation because there it is fighting on a terrain where, if it cannot always win, it can at least postpone defeat indefinitely.
>
> Spectacular Times CITIES OF ILLUSION

We can study the effect of laws to protect animals since there are a few such laws already in existence. It is obvious that achieving laws that protect animals is not the end of the matter - the lot of badgers and dogs and cocks used in fighting is not greatly improved despite the fact that these activities are illegal. The police no doubt regard some crimes as worse than others and crimes involving the abuse of animals are obviously not on the top of their list. Clearly the sexual attacks on horses in Thanet was of little matter to them whereas, if the same had happened to humans, it would be their

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greatest priority - not to mention front page news in all the papers. It is worth restating that the resolution of the Thanet affair involved direct action - after political campaigning - so why bother with political campaigning in the first place?

SUMMARY

It is possible that with direct action tactics our 'dream' can come true. It is feasible that with actions frequent and hard hitting, violence towards people would not be thought necessary.

Political campaigning necessarily involves violence to people - State violence. Each time a person does anything in support of a political campaign they are supporting violence - only, cosily, violence done by others - with their mandate.

CONCLUSIONS

The vast majority of animal rights money is now spent (wasted) on political campaigning - in support of State violence. If this money was immediately re-directed to direct action groups, the liberation of animals and the destruction of animal exploitation resources would be greatly increased.

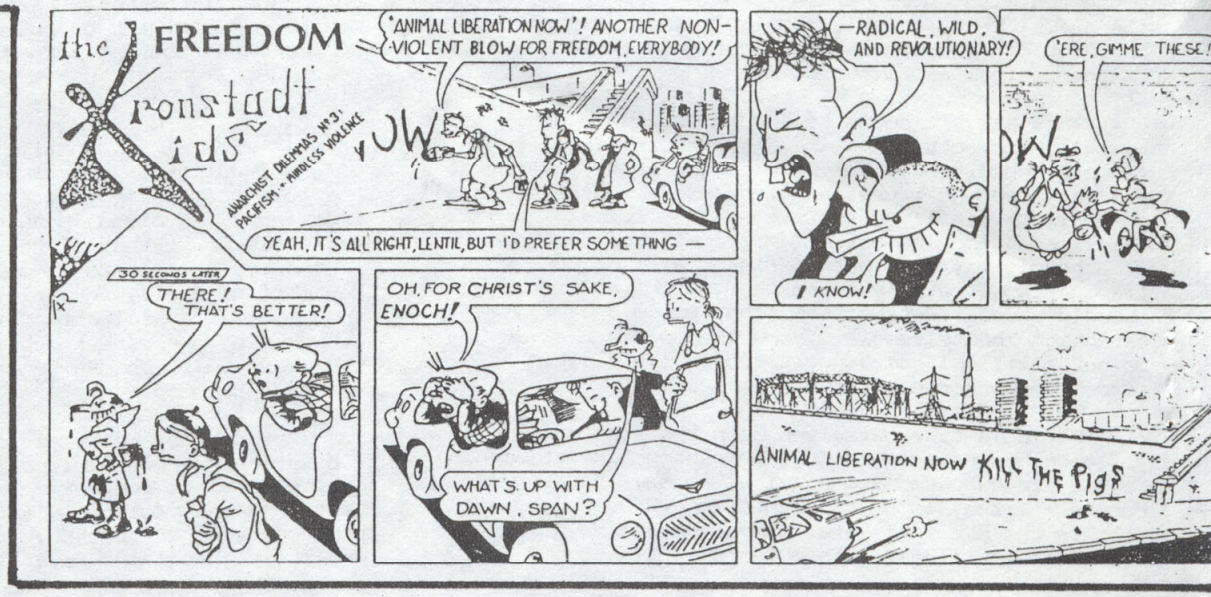
Direct action groups are severely restricted by their financial situations - for example, it is ludicrous that the NALL should campaign against the multi-million pound ICI without any support from national groups who are sitting on many hundreds of thousands of pounds. Don't confuse coverage in the national groups newsletters with support, this simply makes their publications more interesting, which gets them more members - who are told to campaign politically. Indeed, the wage bills of national groups represent a fortune compared with the finances of direct action groups who function voluntarily.

I urge everyone to seriously consider what is written here and to act accordingly.

Walker

LETTERS

From now on, when sending letters to the Letters Page, please sign your letters with a pseudonym that we can publish. We do insist that you still include your membership numbers when you send the letters to us, but we won't be publishing the numbers. Firstly, this will make it safer as far as your security is concerned and secondly, it will make the Letters Page less impersonal to have names rather than numbers. - Editor.



Dear ALF,

Having read the last SG bulletin and the success - or disaster - according to ones viewpoint of the 'poisoning' of Mars Bars or shampoos, I agree mainly with the views expressed by Captain Kirk and 2102 Lothian. It is vital to keep public support. Actions taken that publicise in any way the homes and cars of badger baiters, dog batterers, hunters, vivisectors etc. and the filming in vivisection labs. and rescue of laboratory animals, I think brings increased public support. Deliberate violence on people physically, unless in self defence, does not.

I think the public generally were sickened by the disgraceful acts of violence and injury by striking miners against their working colleagues, the police and, not least, the police horses. The vast majority are equally scathing about football thugs and it is essential that animal activists are not seen in the same light.

May I also say that the descriptive word used on page 9 in the article by CB seems to me to be quite unnecessary; comments were made elsewhere by Ronnie Lee on the 'gutter press' and I think the SG editors should see that the language of contributors articles printed is not, also, of gutter level.

Yours truly,
196 Gerrards Cross

Dear ALF,

For many years the animal rights movement has struggled to save animals from torture and death, with many of these activists being concerned with both animal rights and human rights.

But the killing of a human being, as threatened by a member of the Hunt Retribution Squad, who I am quite certain cares for human rights as much as animal rights, will put the efforts of all the animal rights movement back decades and will also give our biased governments an excuse to ban all campaigning on behalf of animals.

Threats of this type can only originate from childish, irresponsible minds of people who care more about making history than the repercussions it will bring on the animals and their faithful liberators.

I wonder how many of the HRS members support this persons views. There cannot be much hope for the end of cruelty to other sentient beings in the minds of such people who advocate murder.

In my opinion, such people are dangerous and must be stopped or brought to their senses, before they destroy so much work and hope for the abolition of terror on animals. It may be just as well that these people are known to more considerate activists, who wish to see a better future for the creatures of the earth.

1497 Bedfordshire

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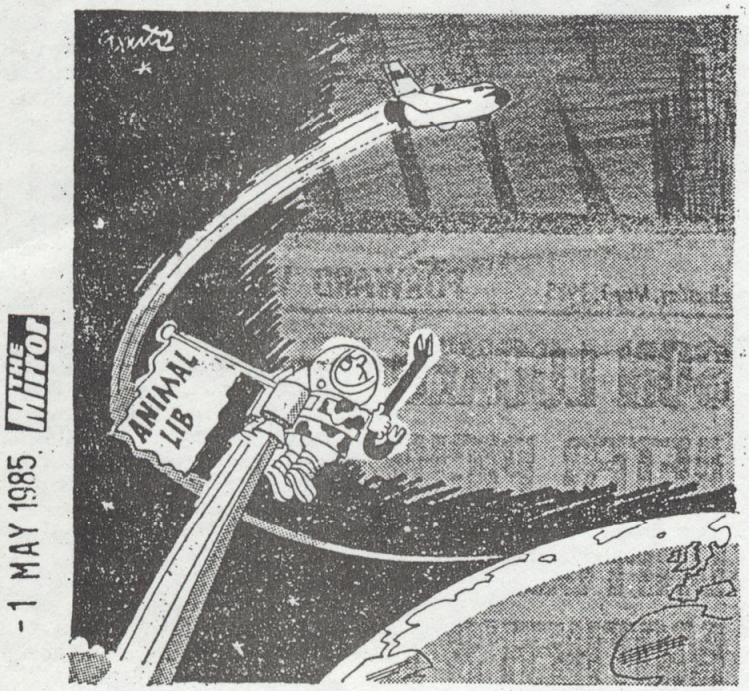
Dear Sir/Madam,

In reply to 691 of London, I would simply like to question his belief that "random poisoning like that might hit the wrong people, animal lovers like myself whose only desire is to help them."

I feel that anyone who eats Mars Bars, whether they are in the ALF SG or not, are hardly the wrong people to hit since they are, by buying any Mars product, helping that particular company to fund their evil programme of giving monkeys tooth decay.

And since Mars Bars are not vegan, then 691 of London must either be a typically inconsistent 'lacto' or not even a vegetarian, and so he can hardly qualify as a totally committed animal liberationist. Instead, I suspect that he is probably a typically wet 'animal lover'.

Yours in the fight,
863 Midlands



Following the reports and copies of letters from a few Animal Rights officials reproduced in the last SG, overstamped "TRAITORS", may I add my own personal contribution to the debate.

Leaving aside personal political leanings and prejudices, it has become crystal clear that the small number of reforms gained by political lobbying, lags so far behind the insidious growth of, say, factory farming (spring lambs will be the next to leave the fields), there is only one way we can reverse the trend, whether the subject be vivisection, hunting etc. - by the hand of those wielding the sledgehammers of liberation.

We, along with many others I'm sure, have been saddened to see statements criticising the ALF from three or four Animal Rights officials, who clearly are doing so in reaction to the frustration they must feel at their own personal failure to implement meaningful reforms. One can understand and sympathise with these few individuals; they will doubtless make the media occasionally, but as the grass roots of the movement marches on into fourth gear they will be forced to support us, resign or be sacked. Such moves regarding these three or four people are now outstanding.

David Mellor
Merseyside ALF

SG member 2102 complained in the last newsletter (Letters Page) about 'the large proportion of attacks on butchers premises' contained in the Diary of ALF actions.

I feel that she/he is partly right and partly wrong in what she/he says. Attacks on butchers shops do not do as much damage to the animal abuse industries as do well planned raids against bigger targets. They are, however, much easier to carry out and therefore occur more frequently causing considerable economic loss and disruption to the meat industry.

The problem arises where ALF activists carry out attacks on butchers shops and other small-scale targets instead of planning (and eventually carrying out) actions against bigger targets.

Thus it seems to me that the best mode of operation for an ALF group is to plan and carry out a succession of raids against major targets and, while these actions are in the planning stage, to carry out attacks on minor targets. That way we get the best of both worlds - with attacks on shops happening in addition to larger raids and not instead of them.

Capt. Kirk

Dear ALF SG,

I was saddened to learn, via the latest newsletter, of the conflict with BUAV and particularly with individuals like Steve McIvor, who I know works so hard to expose animal cruelty, and John Bryant (LACS) whom I have long admired for his forthright views. I sincerely hope that someone will make the first move to put matters right - each and every one of us has a part to play in the fight for animal liberation.

I was particularly interested to read Captain Kirk - how true his comments and in particular his last paragraph!

So take care....

Sincerely,
1382 Cornwall

Dear Friends,

I have just received the latest SG news sheet. It's high time , as you said, that a reasoned and informed debate on violence was held in the A.R. movement.

I am opposed to extreme violence such as bombing and killing - for moral and tactical reasons. It shows disregard for life and only engenders sympathy for even the nastiest person. I feel the ALF must continue to hit the animal abusers where it hurts most, by destroying their instruments of torture, cars, property etc. These acts are more persuasive than any others to stop these callous people. If we smash them financially, they will not be able to murder, torture and maim innocent creatures.

By the way, I have resigned from CIWF precisely because they rubbish the ALF and direct action. Those bastards make me sick. Who else but the ALF takes greatest credit for making people aware of atrocities and really putting animal rights on the map.

As you say, absolute pacifism is absurd when you're involved in a war situation but, saying that, we must be very careful what we do.

Finally, I have now come round to fully supporting you in the BUAV episode. I think it was a disgrace what they did.

Yours for animal liberation,
956 London

20 FORTRESS LODGE MOOR

Sheffield University Field Laboratories at Lodge Moor has been the focal point of local activities for many years. The first raid, by the ALF and the NALL (before the NALLs policy of taking no animals) took place five years ago, when four dogs were rescued and one, Blackie, was returned to his owner, proving that Sheffield University used stolen pets.

Since then there have been seven or eight attempts to raid the place - some have been successful, others not so successful. Each raid has been met with even more security precautions. Now there are thick steel doors on every laboratory. Every window and door is alarmed, sending a signal straight through to the police station. There is a caretaker and two security guards who patrol the area day and night, and a mobile security van when needed.

Despite all this, the local ALF decided the time was right to try again. Meeting after meeting drew up plans, scrapped them and drew up more plans. The end result was a nightmarish concoction of precision timing and sheer nerve.

Animal test lab future in doubt

By MATT YOUDALE

UNIVERSITY scientists are considering closing the controversial centre for animal experiments in Sheffield.

Research using live specimens may also be cut, as part of a major review of the university's animal laboratories — especially the field station on Blackbrook Road, Lodge Moor.

Officials admit security is one of the reasons for doubts about the future of the unit, hit by attacks and demonstrations from animal rights campaigners over the years.

The Militant Animal Liberation Front was delighted at the news last night, after claiming responsibility for raiding the site six times since 1981, and threatened to continue their campaign until the unit shuts.

The review was launched by Dr Brian Howard after his appointment as the university's new director of animal welfare in February.

Yesterday he stressed the health of the animals and costs were the main areas to be considered. He declined to say how many animals the university has, what types they are, or where else they are kept in the city.

But it is thought most sorts of household pets are involved, from mice and hamsters to dogs. They are used for teaching students and research by several departments, especially in the medical field.

Earlier this month, two projects in the biochemistry department won grants worth more than £11,000 from the Humane Research Trust, to develop the culture of tissues which can be used for experiments instead of live animals.

Dr Howard, a qualified vet, said: "The animals come first, and it is an expensive business, costing two to three times more than it would to keep a pet at home.

"As any new director would, I have started looking at the facilities. I am quite happy they are satisfactory, but there may be room for improvement."

The university has made strenuous attempts to safeguard the unit to stop attacks, including hiring security staff and installing complex alarm systems. But an ALF raid last month caused considerable damage, though no animals were released.

University spokesman Roger Allum said: "A number of possibilities are being looked at. That is not to say closure is not being considered. We have to bear in mind past attacks."

Sheffield "Morning Telegraph" - Thursday 25th April 1985

The basis of the plan was to storm the guard house and knock out the two-way radio, in order to prevent contact between the mobile control and the guard. Then to call up the van on a hand-held CB which was to drive through a hedge, across a lawn and to the lab. doors. Meanwhile, group 2 would crowbar the doors off and give access to the labs.

At this point the police would receive the alarm signal, so we decided to give ourselves two minutes (thirty seconds to tackle the door, ninety seconds to grab the animals, which would hopefully be the stolen pets). A labyrinth of small country roads, and an isolated spot to transfer people and equipment to other vehicles was worked out by the getaway officer.

As we all know, the best plans can flounder on the simplest snags. We jogged across fields towards the labs. and made our way to the rear of the guard house. Group 1 then made for the door. Oh no, we had thought that the door would be open. Plan 2 was put into action. We ignored the guards and went straight to the labs. and animal houses. The crowbars went in but after about thirty seconds only splinters of wood came off the door. The time keeper called for the van and warned the group. It was time for quick thinking. The guard came out and ran towards the group. He was massive. Suddenly, one member of the group grabbed a sledgehammer and with two almighty blows the door disappeared. The security guard kept a safe distance. The van arrived across the lawn. We stormed into the labs. We broke into the animal room from where the stolen pets had been retrieved five years ago. It was empty. Time was running out. Shhh! Barking noises from another building. Shit, two minutes are up. Time to cut our losses. 'She who fights and runs away etc.' Out into the open. Security guard getting a bit confident. 'Get back, don't interfere!' one member screams, waving a crowbar. Into the van. Sweaty, smelly, the sound of heavy breathing. Silence, except the sound of your own heart. The doors close and we're away, speeding across the lawn, through the hedge and away.

It wasn't over. We had to reach the comparative safety of country lanes and rendezvous point Alpha. We've made it. Relief, tinged with regret. There's no time to think. Time to undisguise the van. Strips of black tape come off the number plate. The 'B' reverts to 'P' (not true but good try Special Branch). Half the people get into the car and both disappear into the night.

Although, strictly speaking, the raid didn't succeed, it was a tribute to the magnificent determination and courage of local activists. That some damage was caused is small comfort. The true damage is to the confidence and nerve of the animal murderers who run Lodge Moor. For nearly half the activists involved, it was their first big raid and the experience they got is invaluable. Many admitted that they were terrified before the raid, but now they have the confidence to do it next time with no qualms.

Hitherto, one person has been arrested in connection with the action, but was released after two hours. The truth is that the police have no idea. Despite their attempts of coercion and infiltration, an underground network of activists lives and thrives. We are always three steps ahead of them. They imprisoned our mate, Andy Horbury, for two years. Ha! Andy will serve his time. Andy is worth twenty of any of those bastards. For every Andy Horbury, there are another two to take his place.

Sheffield ALF

GUY SALMON

A number of animal activists, including ALF members, would have noticed that, since the ALF Mars bar poisoning scare, the police are now taking a particular interest in them. One animal activist recently noticed that he was being watched at his home and was regularly being followed by unmarked cars. Up to four cars and a motorbike were used at any one time and they followed the activist on and off from first thing in the morning until darkness. This happened on quite a number of occasions over a period of a few weeks. It came to a conclusion when at 6.30am one morning four Scotland Yard detectives burst in at the activists house and proceeded to turn the flat over. He was then arrested in connection with ALF activities in the area but, after extensive questioning at the police station, he was released without charge.

An interesting aspect of the preceding events came to light. The number plates of a couple of the cars used in the surveillance were noted down and checked out, to see who was doing the following. One of them (A502 GPD - a blue VW Golf) belonged to a company called "Sutton Grove Securities of 47 Portsmouth Road, Thames Ditton". A visit to the premises, and a certain amount of investigation, revealed that the car belonged to Guy Salmon Rentals (Sutton Grove being a pseudonym). Guy Salmon sells 'up market' cars such as Jaguars, Lotus etc. and there is a large car rental department. The managing director is a leading fox hunter with the Old Surrey and Burstow Hunt and has a large painting of the hunt hanging on the wall behind his office desk. He also has connections with a "Down House, Orpington" which just happens to be owned by the Royal College of Surgeons. He admitted that the Sutton Grove cars are rented out to the Metropolitan Police - Scotland Yard, for use in "surveillance of animal rights people". The police branch renting out the cars is "C. Eleven" which was reported in the Daily Telegraph recently as having a squad, set up in January, to combat the alarming increase in animal rights actions.

So the lesson to learn is always be on the alert - you never know who your enemies are!

BIGGLES

pulling the wool

In the early hours of Mon. 15th April an ALF team successfully obtained the first English video of battery lambs and they also rescued two lambs from J. Bibby Agricultural Research on the Wirral in Merseyside.

Copies of the video were taken and sent to ITN, BBC National News, Granada TV in Manchester and BBC TV North West, along with a detailed statement about the raid from the group.

When the press contacted Bibby for confirmation of the raid, they denied that it had taken place - but Liverpool University, who have an outstation next door to Bibby, reported that two of their lambs were missing. These two actions effectively killed off most press interest in the raid because there was a dispute over the establishment involved.

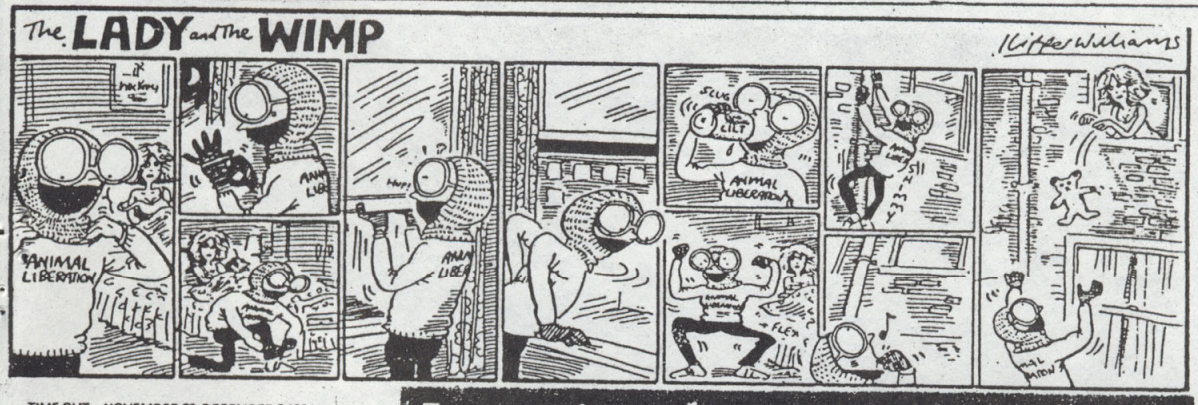
The ALF group who carried out the raid were able to issue a second statement to the effect that they were certain they had raided Bibby and Bibby stickers were on the lamb unit doors. Bibby were unavailable for comment on this but Liverpool University informed the press that a spokesperson would be available for comment at 4pm - again slowing down the remaining press interest, killing the story.

When the press finally got this person she said that there may well be Bibby stickers on the doors but that "was a mistake". It was obvious to the press that they were being messed about but despite the efforts of the London and Northern ALF Press Offices, News at Ten, BBC 9 O'clock News and Newsnight dropped the story and the video remains unseen.

The moral of the story - this incident should be a great lesson to ALF groups, especially those who take videos or photos of raids. If at all possible, proof of the establishment raided should form part of the video or be on one frame of a roll of negatives given to the media.



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An animal sanctuary in East London need some help - cleaning out animals, transporting them etc. If you can help in any way, please write to us and we'll pass the letters on.

Learning (how not) to Burn.

With reference to the front cover of this newsletter and the recent spate of arson attacks by ALF activists, I feel it is important to emphasise the care which should be taken with fire.

Before setting fire to a building, activists should go inside and do a thorough search to make sure that there are no people or animals on the premises. It should also be ascertained that there are no creatures, such as nesting birds, living on the building. Do not presume that there is nothing in the building - always check. Similar care should be taken when setting fire to vehicles, boats etc.

Remember that fire can spread - so never set fire to anything if there is a chance that the fire might spread so as to endanger life in surrounding buildings, trees etc.

When considering setting fire to vehicles, do not forget that if the fuel tank explodes, the fire can be thrown some considerable distance.

If a highly inflammable substance, such as petrol, is used to start a fire, you may get badly burned if you stand nearby to light it - so use a fuse or set fire to something else (eg. a piece of wood) which you can throw in from a distance.

ALF CANADA

It is wonderful to know that we are all over the world now and growing in leaps and bounds.

The ALF actions in North America have been escalating quickly although we are still nowhere nearly as active as you are in Britain. The ALF in the US is in big trouble at the moment as over a dozen people have been hauled up in front of the grand jury in connection with the historic raid at the University of Pennsylvania. The FBI have been merciless in their harassment of ALF suspects. The large and wealthy AV groups in the US - all of whom profited considerably as a result of the ALF actions - have turned their backs and will produce not one cent to help the activists. Right now, our American friends need the financial support more than do the Canadians (people who want to help could send a donation c/o PETA, Box 42516, Washington, DC 20015 USA - people sending money to help with legal costs should not say anything in their letters that they would not want the FBI to read).

In Canada, the ALF has become a media darling since the raid on New Years Eve at the University of Western Ontario. This was the biggest Canadian raid ever and made the front page of every major newspaper here in Canada. The big splash was probably due partially because B43 was the victim the ALF raiders were trying to rescue (she had become the most famous experimental animal in Canada after four animal rights activists from ARK 11 in Toronto went on a hunger strike for thirty days to protest her restraint and demand her release); and because the vivisectors - in their usual lying manner - told the press that the monkey the ALF liberated had a deadly Herpes virus that was fatal to humans. It was false of course, but it made for sensationalism for the press who eagerly awaited the deaths of the ALF commandos who rescued her, who, according to the vivisectors, would all drop dead if the monkey was not returned so they could continue to torture her. The press is still carrying on about this raid and this past week there have been two television specials about the ALF, one on CITY-TV and the other on the CBC (comparable to your BBC) both of which featured a good deal of footage and information on the actions of the ALF in Britain. The thrust being that if we don't smarten up over here the ALF will become as insidious and prolific here as it is in Britain.

The animals liberated in the last raid were horribly mutilated and all required a good deal of surgery to correct the mutilations. The cats with the brain implants also had radio transmitters in their abdomen and wires leading throughout the body from the brain implants to the abdominal transmitters. Fortunately, the ALF here has three veterinarians who are on standby to help with rescued animals - they donate their services to undo the butchery performed by other veterinarians who are the vivisectors. Ironic, but fortunate that there are some good ones.

At the moment, we have four activists on trial for disrupting a fur show but there have not been any ALF activists arrested yet. Hopefully the good luck will hold out for a while.

We have only this past week formed our official ALF support group and we now have an address; Animal Liberation Front Support Group, PO Box 915, Station F, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2N9, Canada. (Cheques made out to ALF Support Group).

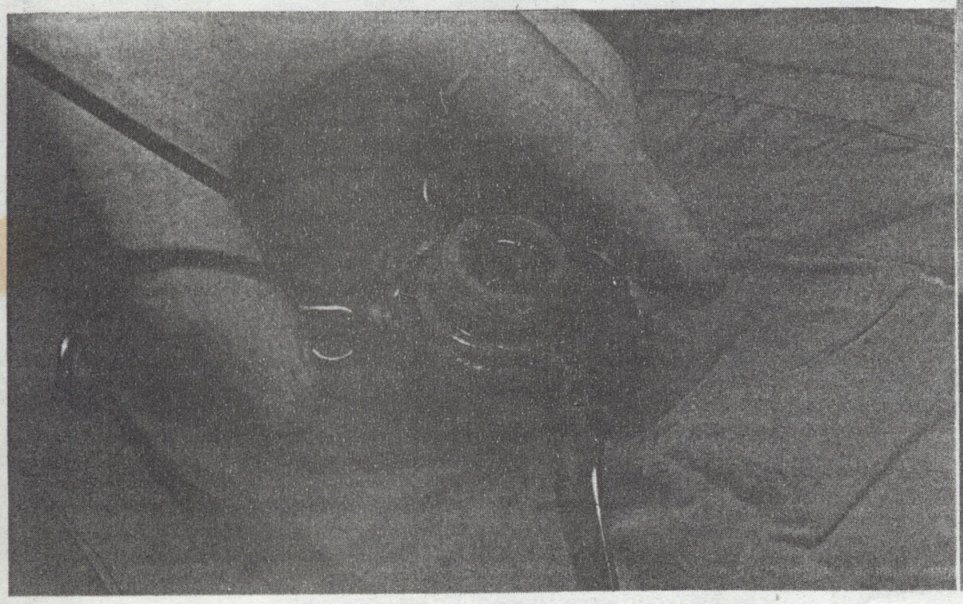
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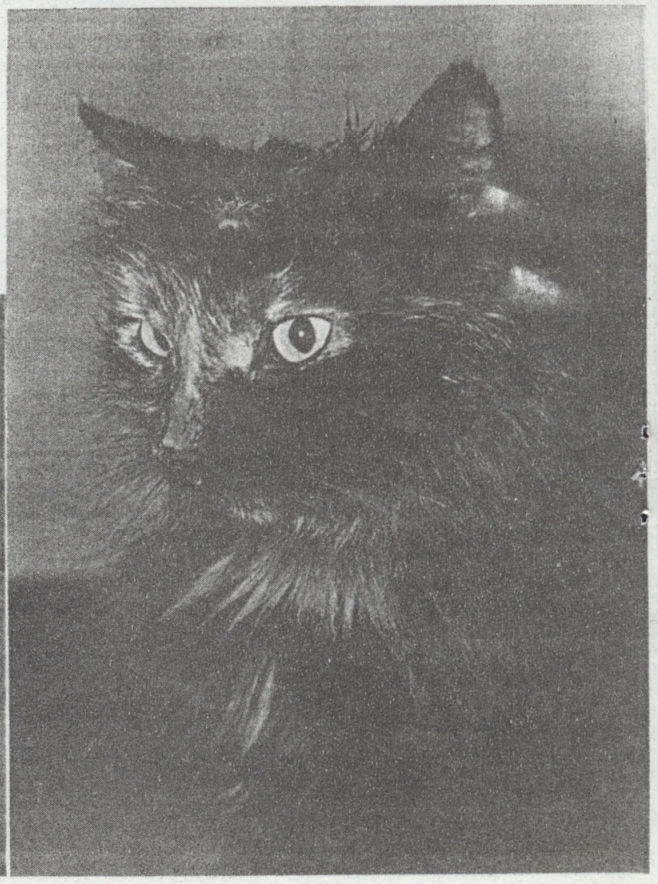
ALF CANADA

Cats rescued by the ALF in Canada.

Below left:
Surgeon removes the first screw from implant in Kellys skull. Successful surgery withdrew five cannulas and one electrode from her brain. Kelly recovered quickly and now lives happily in her new home.

Below right:
Kelly recovered from surgery.





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800 BATTERY QUAIL RESCUED

The raid on Fayre Game Quail farm in Lytham St. Annes, Lancashire, when eight hundred birds were rescued, was the first time that ALF activists had completely emptied an intensive battery unit - not one live bird was left.

A video film was shot by the activists during the raid, which lasts for twenty-eight minutes, and the appalling conditions inside the unit are clearly shown - dead birds in cages, limbs of birds left in cages, birds with hardly any feathers and sore patches from pecking.

The raid received extensive media coverage; BBC TV national news (video shown), BBC TV regional news (video shown), Radios 1, 2, 3 and 4, Red Rose Radio in Lancs., BBC Radio Lancs. and many regional newspapers.

The arrangements for the rescued birds were as elaborate as the raid itself, which involved a co-ordinated effort by forty people and the use of many vehicles; all the ill and injured birds were placed with a wildlife expert connected with the RSPB. All the other birds were placed in the units own special carriers and boxes and taken to the south. They were allowed to re-grow their feathers and then there was a long-term programme of gradually re-introducing them into the wild. Quail occur naturally in the wild in the south of England.

It will be of no surprise to SG readers that those who suffer raids on their premises often tell lies, distort facts and generally try to discredit the ALF. On this occasion this tactic back-fired, much to our amusement. Mr. Mike Kay, the quail farm owner, told the media that the birds were bred for pets. This was before he knew about the ALF video which completely discredited his story when the video was shown to millions of people on national television. It was a rather shame-faced Mr. Kay who would not allow reporters into the battery unit to see the birds that had recently died.

He made a claim a day later that he had found some of the liberated quail dead in a field beside a nearby village but police and reporters following up the claim the next day were unable to see any dead birds and Mr. Kay was unable to show them any, only a couple of dozen birds fluttering about. As Mr. Kay has between fifty and sixty thousand quail in separate broiler type conditions he must have dumped a couple of dozen in an effort to regain some credibility. He was obviously

RIGHT - Mr. Kay posing for a photograph taken for a local newspaper, before the raid. The picture shows the battery unit that was emptied.

GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS

There is no way that the Mobilization for Laboratory Animals campaign can succeed in its demands that the government outlaws or reduces certain types of animal experiment. It cannot succeed for the simple reason that the government can all too easily afford to ignore it without fear of any real comeback from the animal liberation movement.

A campaign such as 'Mobilization' can only succeed when the animal liberation movement poses such a huge threat to the status quo that the vast influence of the powerful vested interests involved in vivisection (eg. the drug companies) is overcome. Such a threat will only exist when the level of direct action has increased to many times what it is at the moment - and it is a ridiculous waste of time, energy and money to start a campaign such as Mobilization before the required level has been reached. The large amount of resources currently being ploughed into the Mobilization campaign by various anti-vivisection societies would be far better used if devoted to direct action or to campaigns by animal rights groups against their local laboratories.

Mobilization will obviously have no effect on the government, but some have argued that it nevertheless helps to make more people aware of vivisection and the case against it. However, people would be made just as aware by local campaigns against local animal torture centres - and these campaigns have the additional advantage of putting pressure on the laboratories themselves.

It could well be said that there is no place for a campaign such as Mobilization at any time - irrespective of the level of direct action. The Mobilization campaign is aimed at the government - so if the government chooses to ignore it there is no effect on the vivisection industry. On the other hand, campaigns aimed directly at the establishments and individuals involved in animal experimentation will cause damage to the vivisection industry even if such campaigns have no effect on the government. Furthermore, any campaign which calls upon the government to do something for us, instead of us doing it ourselves, only serves to increase the power, influence and apparent credibility of the state - and neither human nor animal liberation will be properly achieved until all governments and states are abolished.

So if the Mobilization campaign has no chance of success why is it so avidly promoted by most of the anti-vivisection societies and by so many individuals within the animal rights movement? My view is that most of these people who support Mobilization are doing so out of naivity. They are blindly following what the big societies dictate without properly thinking about the issue for themselves. Sadly, this is a common fault amongst animal rights campaigners.

There are others, however, mainly within the societies, who know damn well that Mobilization is doomed to failure but cynically press on with the campaign. There are several reasons why they are doing this. Firstly, there is force of habit. The

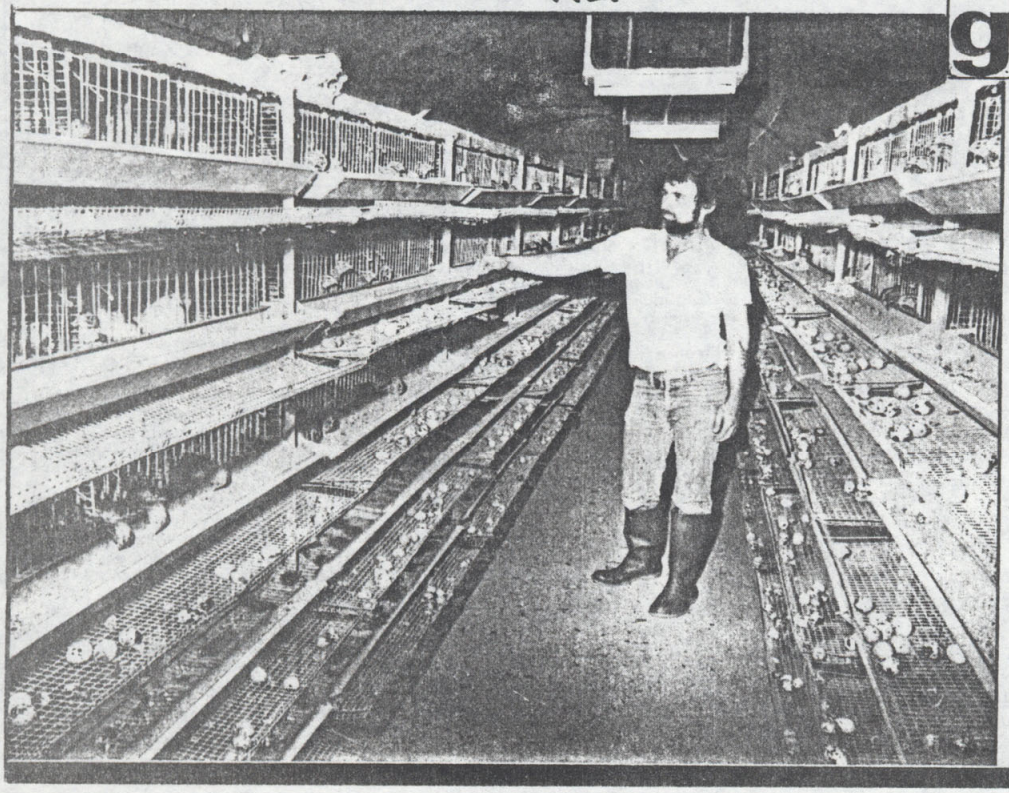
not familiar with the way the press follow up newsworthy stories and the police had to as, if they had found dead birds, they would have constituted evidence. Poor old Mr. Kay boobed again. It seems that desperation is setting in like rigor mortis.

The result was that it was the largest amount of animals to be rescued in Britain in a single raid, it was the first raid on a quail farm - a growing industry - and it was the first time that a battery unit had been completely emptied. Hundreds of birds are now enjoying the freedom of the wild.

ALF

Swoop on breeding farm

Animal lib raiders snatch 800 game birds



Lytham St Anne's Express

ANIMAL rights extremists today claimed responsibility for the daring theft of up to 800 game birds from a Lancashire breeding farm.

The entire stock of quails, their crates and feeding equipment were stolen in a dawn raid said to have involved around 40 members of the Animal Liberation Front.

The slogan "Animal Belsen" was daubed over a wall at the Fairgame farm in Lodge Lane, on the boundary of Warton and Lytham.

Later a representative of the ALF claimed responsibility in telephone calls to an independent radio station and Scotland Yard.

The caller said 40 operatives had commandeered a stolen lorry and took away the cargo of birds that were living in "atrocious conditions".

They would now be taken down south and "rehabilitated" into the wild.

The ALF man said the entire exercise — the biggest they had undertaken in Lancashire — had been filmed on video.

Police visited the farm this morning after being contacted by the farmer.

One Kirkham-based officer said: "It was a very large number of quails apparently — between 700-800. The theft must have taken some time and planning."

Lancashire Evening Post
Preston

national animal protection societies have, over the decades, repeatedly instigated campaigns that have no chance of success. Being unable to enter into direct action and feeling unable to properly support it, they have habitually advocated ineffective methods of protest. Todays national anti-vivisection organizations no doubt consider themselves very much more radical than their predecessors, but they have been unable to escape from the blinkered vision of those who went before.

The Mobilization campaign is not in any way radical. It is, in essence, no different to all the failed campaigns of the past - and it is likely to achieve just about as much as they did.

Secondly, there is political ambition. There are a considerable number of individuals involved in the animal rights movement who see the movement as a means of furthering their political careers. Some of these are involved in the Mobilization campaign. They like to sniff round MPs because one day they would like to be one. They like the lobbying and the meetings, despite the fact that these things achieve nothing. Either they don't really want radical changes in society or they are deluded enough to believe that radical change can come through parliament rather than through a popular uprising. Today, at best, they tolerate direct action, especially if they can hijack it for their own political ends - at worst, they condemn the activists as 'lunatics' and 'nutcases', if that too suits their political ambitions. Tomorrow, as politicians, they will be part of the apparatus that locks us away.

So even though, as these politicos well know, Mobilization will be a failure for the animals, they are hoping it will not be a failure for themselves.

Thirdly, there is what I would call 'survival sickness'. There are many people either employed, or in positions of power, in the animal rights movement who are doing quite nicely thank you very much out of the present system. Perhaps they would like to see the end to cruelty to animals, but they are not prepared to become involved in the risks that need to be taken if true animal liberation is ever to be achieved. They want to survive in their present situation and in their present jobs without taking the risks required to really live in a better world. Therefore they continually instigate and encourage campaigns which carry no risk to themselves - and have no chance of success either. There is no doubt that if David Mellor and his friends, the vivisectors, have any intelligence they will be having a quiet chuckle that the White Paper has diverted so many animal rights campaigners down the road to nowhere.

It is now time for the Mobilization campaign to be ended so that no more of the valuable resources of the animal liberation movement are wasted. It is time for the movement to plough its time, money and energy into effective forms of action instead of, yet again, going through the motions of a failed campaign.

CAPTAIN KIRK

LEARN TO BURN

In the early hours of April 28th, the ALF carried out an arson attack on the premises of Wigfield and Pluck Limited (manufacturers of intensive farming units) at Weston sub Edge, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire.

The activists were dropped off near to the target and made their way around the site, checking all buildings to make sure there was no danger to either human or animal life. After this was satisfactorily completed, two look-outs were positioned near to the road, in case of night security paying a visit. It was decided to start the fire on the outside of the main wooden building, in a sheltered corner. After soaking a number of rags in paraffin the activists poured the rest of the liquid over an area of the building wall. The rags were then placed at ground level, where paraffin had already been applied. The rags were then lit and, after making sure the fire was well and truly blazing, the activists left the site, alerting the look-outs as they departed.

Modesty Blaze

In the early hours of 13th July an ALF team used fire to damage a large chicken breeding unit of Moy Park Ltd., Three Acres Farm, Godscroft Lane, Frodsham, Cheshire.

Moy Park director, Mr. Barber, estimates that damage to the value of between fifteen and twenty thousand pounds was done. The unit was due to be re-stocked with chickens. The unit can hold nine thousand and five hundred birds. Mr. Barber says that he may not repair the unit now because it would be too costly.

The raid was carried out by ALF activists who contacted the press under the name of 'The Third World Action Group', to focus public attention on this particular aspect of factory farming.

NPO

ANIMAL rights activists who set fire to a new Walthamstow meat factory have vowed to do it again.

The arson attack was on the newly built factory of Mrs Kays Cooked Meats in Higham Hill Road. The million pound building has not started producing meats yet, and the fire attack on Sunday severely damaged a women's changing room.

An ALF spokesman told the Guardian that three members of the group entered the premises at 1.30am on Sunday. They checked the building to ensure there were no people or animals present, and say they chose the changing room as they believed that a fire there would not cause any danger.

They then smashed a window and poured petrol into the room and set light to it.

Firemen from Walthamstow dealt with the blaze in 20 minutes, and about £500 damage was caused to the room.

The ALF spokesman said: "These people are killing animals for money, and there is no way of persuading them to stop. Every year about 450 million animals are murdered for their flesh in this country alone. Their lives are spent without freedom or fresh air until their often painful death.

"The meat trade is causing damage to the Third World because we are using much needed grain to feed animals which should be used to feed starving people.

"The ALF will be taking more action against this firm — in a similar and more extensive way."

'Meat is murder' arson

Waltham Forest Guardian

Arson attack on Mrs Kays Cooked Meats factory in East London on May 19th.



LEFT - £200,000 damage caused in arson attack at Wigfield and Pluck Ltd., in Gloucester. on April 28th. The company makes factory farm buildings.

RIGHT - Fires started by ALF at abattoir in Leeds on May 11th.

Yorkshire Evening Post

Animal Lib in arson terror threat

ANIMAL rights fanatics are poised to unleash a campaign of terror by arson.

They will spearhead the attacks with the chilling slogan : Learn to Burn. The threat emerged last night from the wild men and women of the Animal Liberation Front.

They also claimed responsibility for the mystery fire that destroyed the empty main grandstand at Aintree racecourse.

The £100,000 blaze last December put the Grand National in jeopardy.

Merseyside police yesterday began an investigation into the Aintree boasts of the ALF which has raided laboratories, mink farms and hunt kennels all over the country.

A special Scotland Yard squad is trying to identify the dangerous extremists, who have attracted anarchists to their ranks, before someone gets killed.

Their latest threat is highlighted in their newspaper which carries the headline : Factories don't burn down by themselves —Learn to Burn.

Inside the journal is a diary of hate listing dozens of attacks on targets ranging from butcher shops to animal-experiment centres.

An entry for December 12 reads : "Aintree, Merseyside, main grandstand at Grand National racecourse destroyed by fire."

The front page boasts of three other arson strikes—a £200,000 fire at an Evesham farm building manufacturers and raids on a sausage plant and a cooked meat factory.

DAILY EXPRESS

LETTERS

When writing to the Letters Page please include a name which we can publish (any pseudonym will do). Also include your SG membership number and the name of your town or county (although we won't publish these).

When Wents Farm, near Sittingbourne in Kent, closed its battery business and disposed of all the chickens, we paid a visit to get an indication of future plans for the premises. On discovering newly-built pens for yet more animals we paid another visit, this time equipped with bolt-cutters, two large bags full of fire-lighters, four gallons of white spirit and two large bags of jumble (rags, BUAV sweatshirts etc. - this is the best use for BUAV sweatshirts, actually).

We carried all this stuff across a field behind the farm, through a gap in the fence and to the units. With a look-out keeping watch on the farm-house, the locks of three of the units were cut and the doors opened and we checked there were no animals in or around the buildings. Jumble was placed inside, in the corners on top of old battery cages (to allow air to get underneath), fire-lighters were tipped on top and the piles were drenched with white spirit. Starting with the unit furthest away from the getaway point a lighted match was put to each pile. The glove I was wearing set on fire and we realised we should have used lighted rolls of paper for safety. We've learnt that for next time! As we drove away flames were already engulfing the buildings.

Burnadette

Hi,

I just thought I'd drop a line to let you all know how things are going. But, first of all, I'd like to apologize for not replying to more of you personally than I've been able to. As a matter of fact, I haven't even received all your cards and letters yet. A few weeks after I came in my incoming mail was restricted to that from my immediate family and friends. The rest has been stored in my personal property and I won't be allowed to have that until my discharge. I was told this was done because it was creating too much work for the censors (since they have to keep a record of every person who writes to me). At that time I was told they were putting away up to thirty-five letters a day for me!

I've been here over five months now and I'm up for parole in another three. I can't see any reason why I shouldn't get it, everything's looking good. But, having said that, there's no accounting for the way some decisions are reached and I'm not looking on it as a certainty. If I am successful, the earliest date I could be released is the 30th September '85. If not, then it'll be around the 28th May '86.

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RIGHT - £20,000 damage caused to factory farm units at Wents Farm, in Kent in June



POLICE PROBE EARLY-MORNING BLAZES AT LEEDS ABATTOIR

Animal rights campaigners have claimed responsibility for a series of fires which hit Leeds Abattoir early today.

A woman claiming to be from the Animal Liberation Front telephoned the Yorkshire Evening Post and said the group had started the fires and turned off the abattoir's cooling system.

Police confirmed that they were treating the blazes at the council-owned abattoir in Pontefract Lane as arson.

I didn't expect to still be here after this length of time, I was originally supposed to be transferred to Ranby Prison near Nottingham at the beginning of June, but that was changed to Featherstone near Stafford a couple of months ago. Since then I've been having my parole reports completed and I could be moved any time now, although I still haven't got a definite date.

Unfortunately, I can't say the food here is too wonderful. I'm a vegan but I wasn't allowed a special diet until my membership card arrived from the Vegan Society. So, for the first week or so, I had to virtually live on boiled veg. and rice. However, things didn't improve too quickly even then. One memorable meal stands out - one boiled onion and dry, unflavoured soya! I'm glad to say it hasn't always been that bad, although lately it seems to have started going downhill again. I get four pints of soya milk per week now, which I didn't at first. Unlike remand prisoners I'm not allowed to have anything, food or otherwise, sent in from outside (except for books, papers etc.).

For the first three months or so after coming in I had a job as a landing cleaner which wasn't too bad, even if the wages weren't too fantastic. I've found it's definitely better to have a job in here than not, especially the ones that give you a bit of extra 'freedom'. It's no fun being stuck in a seven foot by twelve foot cell with two other guys for twenty-three hours out of twenty-four, day after day. Anyway, I'm working in the library at the moment which is a bit of a cushy number really, so it's not too bad.

I didn't really know how I would react to imprisonment, not having been in this kind of situation before. It took me a few weeks to adjust and actually settle in properly but, since then, I've found it quite easy to cope with. It's surprising really how quickly the time does pass.

My main interest is in Eastern Mysticism and, to a lesser extent, modern theoretical physics (which are not as incompatible as they might initially appear to be!). The library here isn't too bad and, especially since I started working there, I've managed to find quite a few interesting books which I'm working my way through.

Although I'm 'officially' a Buddhist while in prison my views are more a synthesis of Zen, Quietism and Taoism. I think the experience has greatly helped me to develop my ideas. I only became seriously interested in Zen about two years ago but the speed with which my attitude to life has changed is incredible. I think the whole experience of being inside has been a two-way thing. On the one hand my 'philosophy' has helped me to cope with being locked up, but at the same time my ideas have been clarified by the experiences I've had since January.

There is a positive side to every situation, no matter how unpleasant it may be at the time. And that is the wisdom that comes from personal experience. I think, overall, I have gained more than I have lost.

I'm not much of a one for words and I'm afraid this letter doesn't say all I'd like it to, but I really do appreciate the fact that there are people out there who care enough to have written to me.

Thanks again. Much love to you all. Be happy.

Andy.

(Editors note - Andy wrote this letter from Winson Green Prison, Birmingham. Since then he has been moved to Ranby Prison, near Nottingham. He is due to be released at the end of September.)

Dear ALF,

I would like to say, I think any kind of action taken for animal rights and liberation is to be admired.

In answer to 1497 Bedfordshire, who referred to a comment made by the Hunt Retribution Squad, saying that they might kill a hunter one day - I can safely say I fully agree and it is quite obvious to me, in the society we are all condemned and sentenced to live in, some humans do not deserve life, for what they do, and they may end up injured or dead.

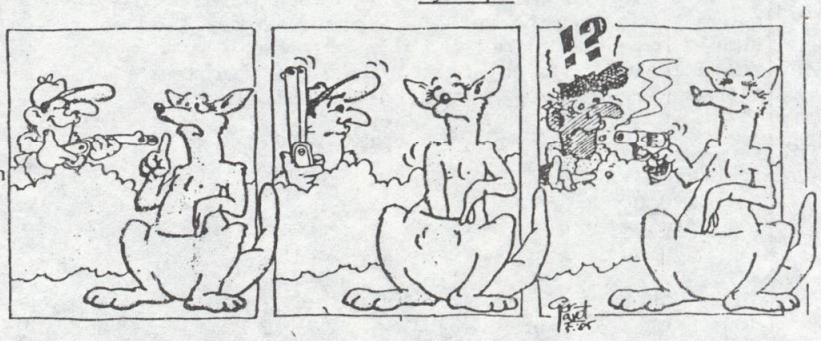
I think the HRS are the best thing since sliced (wholemeal) bread, they are a breath of positive air to our polluted lungs.

I can understand physical harm, deliberate or accidental, being done to bastards who torture, maim or eat animals etc. etc. Why do some people quibble about violent action like this as putting back the animal rights movement by decades? How can you go back further than the Stoneage, concerning non-humans lives on this planet?

1497 Bedfordshire says "There cannot be much hope for the end of cruelty to other sentient beings in the minds of such people who advocate murder."

If history could be changed, if we could go back in time, I wonder if people would sit back and talk and write polite letters (while wearing cut-out masks) asking the Nazis to change the conditions in Belsen and other death camps. We have plenty of animal Belsens. If any of us could go back in time, knowing what we know now of the past and feeling we should try to change it, for humanity would we kill Adolf Hitler or refuse because murder is wrong, or could we honestly think it wrong in our hearts if someone else killed him for us? One murder to stop millions, would we really bat an eyelid?

Cyclop.

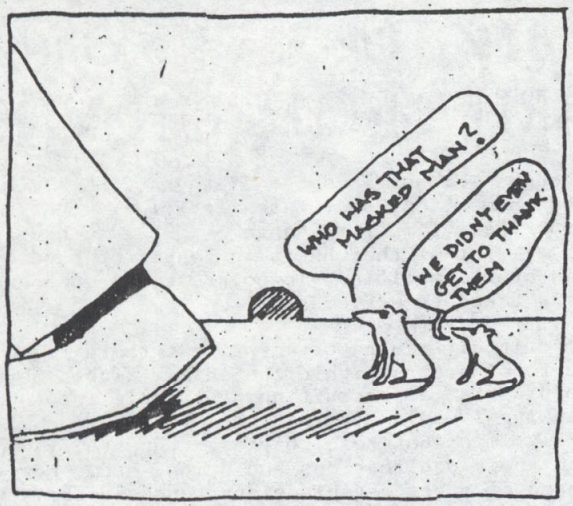


I have been actively involved in the ALF for more than five years now and I have decided it is time to speak my mind.

The ALF is crap and its about time we admitted it - at the same time we are the most effective part of the campaign for animal rights. What I mean is, we are vastly under potential - the big problem is putting the finger on why.

I am sick and tired of reading statements by all and sundry which say that "all types of campaigning are equally important". The latest BUAV Annual Report is full of variations of this and it should be pointed out that this viewpoint is rubbish - the most effective actions are the most important - the least important actions are those which are the least effective - this is simple common sense.

Its about time the animal rights movement stopped pissing about and really supported direct action - the national AV groups should put it on record that all court costs and fines of people convicted of liberating lab. animals or smashing vivisection buildings will be



paid by them. We are not interested in half pages of defence funds in newsletters. I agree with that article in the last SG when it said that all the money is going in the wrong direction - don't animal rights people ever think how expensive ALF actions are? If animals are released we are not talking about one day spent marching around some city - places have to be sussed out, sometimes many times - this takes pounds and pounds of petrol. Equipment has to be bought for the job of entering buildings - it would be good to have a number of look-outs with CBs to warn activists if the police arrive: CBs aren't ten a penny, especially good ones. Theres no point in getting useless, cheap ones because that risks activists liberty and once activists are locked up no animals will be liberated. Transport has to be arranged to take animals to homes or holding units - often groups are reduced to hiring vehicles - how many drivers have been arrested because of the increased risk this involves? Andy Horbury would not be in prison if his group had safe vehicles. Oh, for a fleet of good vehicles for use in raids - at the moment activists are going around in 'L' and 'P' reg. cars which are dead certs for spot checks by the cops. Some people have been talking about having a London-type taxi which are seen at all hours of the day and night. At present ideas like this are out of the question financially. Once the animals reach a holding unit they have to be cared for until permanently homed, they have to be fed and if sick or injured they need treatment at a vets. I'll tell you this all you people who whine that the ALF are not rescuing enough animals - we can't afford it! It is cheaper to send a small group of people to damage some place than get together a large group to liberate animals. Homing animals is a difficult job too - again its expensive, you've liberated forty rabbits but homes are one here, two there and so on. It takes a lot of time and (you've guessed it) money. And another thing I think people forget is the number of ALF jobs that don't go ahead for various reasons even though the run-up to a raid has been done. We spent loads of time and petrol looking at a place, we went back for a final look and the place had closed down! Gone completely like a midnight flit.

I think that the work done by the ALF is nothing short of miraculous: animals are liberated, millions of pounds worth of damage is caused against the exploitation of animals, activists run risks of arrest, fines and prison sentences. Haven't we the right to ask that the movement help us in every way it can? And don't give me any bullshit about not being able to finance illegal actions - we do the actions, we rescue the animals, we get beaten up by the cops, we are the ones who go to jail.

Just think what the ALF could achieve if money was no object - we won't do anything but tickle the multi-nationals who kill animals by the millions if we go on with a shoe-string operation.

An activist.

Dear ALF,

I have been sentenced to three months imprisonment. I was sentenced on June 26th at Wolverhampton Crown Court. Initially I was held in Winson Green Prison but have now been transferred to a semi-open prison at Featherstone.

My crime, if it was a crime, was one of causing £5,000 of criminal damage to fifteen meat lorries on five separate occasions. I did this damage in an attempt to cause the greatest possible disruption and inconvenience to the meat industry - an industry which causes the suffering and death of millions of living creatures every year.

I just wanted the readers of the ALF SG to know that I do not regret what I have done. Not for one moment do I regret it, even from the confines of a prison.

I want to let other ALF supporters know that they shouldn't be afraid of breaking the law in their crusade for animal rights. To my mind, any legal system which protects those who exploit animals in any way is not worth the paper that it is written on. People must realise that demonstrations are not going to achieve anything unless people are prepared to listen. And my experience has shown that people are unwilling to listen to our message because of their own selfish interests. The unfortunate truth is that direct action is the only way in which to further the cause of animal rights. Our task must be to cause as much financial damage to the whole range of animal exploiters - slaughterhouses, vivisection labs., fur farms and many others - as possible. If we do have the courage to do this then animal exploitation will become untenable.

This may involve a great deal of risk to many good people, people who genuinely care for the plight of animals. But we must not be afraid. We must use direct action even with the ever present risk of imprisonment. We must not be afraid of being sent to prison for our beliefs. Many other people in the past have had to endure prison in order to further their noble causes. Neither Gandhi nor Martin Luther King were afraid of going to prison because of their beliefs. And neither must we be.

Whether one is prepared to undergo the humiliation of imprisonment must surely be the acid-test of ones genuine commitment to animal rights.

But even prison, though it may seem harsh, is nothing in comparison with the suffering which millions of animals have to endure. The short period of time which I have to serve in prison is as nothing compared with the lifetime which a hen has to endure in a battery cage. Sooner or later ALF activists are made free, but there is never freedom for the laboratory animals. Their only release is death.

We must be prepared to do direct action to help the suffering millions. To willingly give up our freedom for a short period of time is a very small price to pay for furthering the cause of animal liberation.

In the struggle,

Mark P. Houghton.

PS. I have had no trouble obtaining vegan food here in prison, thanks largely to my membership of the Vegan Society. So far I have been unable to acquire non-tested soap, shampoo and toothpaste, so I have had to do without.

(Editors note - Mark, who wrote this letter from Featherstone Prison, Wolverhampton, has now been released.)

The bomb placed in the Rainbow Warrior must have been a bigger blow to the animal rights anti-violence pacifist movement than it was to the boat. To me this incident just shows how far governements and private enterprise are prepared to go just so they can freely go about torturing and murdering animals - not to mention the countless beatings in police stations to animal rights activists who offered no violence in any form, who just damaged torture equipment and liberated animals.

I accept that the ALF would be making a tactical error if it was to use violence, as it would give the establishment a good excuse to gaol ALF members for excessive sentences whether guilty or not. But, on the other hand, I do totally support the action of the Hunt Retribution Squad and the Animal Rights Militia, and I regard those who don't as fifth columnists and very naive. Eventually all animal concentration camps will have guards and animal liberation will have to take on an entirely different dimension, except for those who are prepared to stand by and let morons torture and murder animals. Perhaps these pacifists who don't even want to damage torture equipment or harm sadistic killers ought to be on the receiving end of the violence committed against animals themselves then see how pacifist they are then.

Group Captain Rat.

SEND YOUR LETTERS TO 'LETTERS PAGE', BCM 1160, LONDON, WC1N 3XX.

VIDEOS

The ALF has produced a video & will be producing more in the future. If you have a video recorder it would be very helpful if you could record items relevant to the ALF which appear on TV, such as reports of actions on your local news programmes. Please send us the recordings & include your name & address so that we can send you a new blank tape in return. Some videos posted to us in the past have gone missing, so 'recorded delivery' postage would be a good idea.

Reply to - TIME FOR CHANGE

Although I am not a member of the ALF SG, I would like to comment on Roger Yates article in the latest magazine (Re: "Time for Change" - MBF - SG newsletter no. 15). I feel that he is in danger of running away with an over-simplified viewpoint, based on assumptions, which is taken to extremes.

I find it difficult to accept that there is no place for national groups within the animal rights movement - indeed as far as recruiting new people into our way of thinking I would consider that they have an extremely important role to play. Hopefully, then, through their publications and demos. etc., new people can learn of other organisations (such as the ALF) and join in on an informed basis. I thought that this is the way things worked already!

Also, of course, it is very useful to have central places for information to be sought by the press/distributed to members etc. etc. The press is fickle, as we all know to our cost, and often lazy in discovering who to contact. With well known national organisation support, much press coverage has been gained for actions - even where the press know so little that they ring up the 'wrong' organisations.

More importantly, though, have been the occasions where activists and national groups have worked together - viz the Boots raid in 1982 and the recent Royal College of Surgeons case. These were perfect examples of milking (if you'll excuse the word) the maximum from both approaches. After the Boots raid only about two column inches of publicity was obtained in the Guardian - yet when the BUAV and Animal Aid had waded in, Boots got extremely hot under the collar. Of course, the campaigns could never have been launched without the photographs - taken by the ALF - so each benefitted the other to maximum effect against Boots. The RCS case is of course similar - SEALL couldn't have afforded the court case but BUAV wouldn't have got the evidence. I can't understand the objection to this sort of co-operation.

Getting their goats



On Monday 27th May two ALF activists, posing as students, kept an appointment to visit a Merseyside goat farm, following rumours of young male goats going for ritual slaughter. With the increasing popularity of goats milk in health shops etc. goat farmers are increasing the numbers of goats kept to keep up with the demand. Unfortunately for the male goats born, they are of no commercial interest other than to provide Halal and Kosher butchers with a delicacy.

The two 'students' also learnt that three young male goats displayed to them were due to go for ritual slaughter within days. They also witnessed young billies being pushed away from their mother, whose milk is destined for commercial purposes - this distressing scene was video filmed.

A planning meeting was held on the following evening, the video was shown and plans of the layout of the farm displayed.

The next night an ALF team cut their way through a barbed wire fence onto the land and then a chain-link fence around the farm. Bolt cutters took care of the locks and the three young billies made their exit in the arms of the raiders. Appropriate messages were sprayed on the building. The raid took four minutes, yet how many young billies are languishing in sheds and barns, not even allowed a few weeks of contact with their mothers and the comfort of her milk before they have their throats slit?

The raid was video filmed and the billies are now in good homes.

ALF

Now, what other sort of support is required for the 'activists' from national organisations? I was certainly pleased at the coverage of the Laundry Farm dogs case - for the dogs sake - and a letter in this issue of Liberator echoes that sentiment from Marcus Claridge of the Perrycroft cats case. He also mentions that he got many donations from the item in Defence Funds - which is positive support surely? It is certainly a far cry from the old 'Animal Welfare' mag. which states in one article 'The BUAV does not support the ALF morally or financially - and that's official'. Surely news is news, and it would look even odder to boycott all ALF action than to report it as news items.

Back to Rogers article - if you try to drive away the nationals like BUAV you'll get left with the RSPCA etc. to 'reap the benefits (?)' and they don't even publish Defence Funds! I read into his proposals that the intention would be to set up regional resource centres.. ..presumably in some sort of office, with somebody at least working there, publicity to inform people that it is there....sounds awfully like an organisation to me!

Of course, too, he is airing his views in a magazine put out by an organisation with leaflets, computer, mailing list etc. - what's the difference? I assume that the SG would be included in the general 'ban' on nationals - with local ALF groups doing their own press, fund-raising etc.

Well, so much for specific points (although I love the thought of the nationals sitting back cosily to await the next ALF raid to put in their mags - we've had people on the phone demanding that we change the entire layout of the Liberator after it's finished to incorporate their action!) - I don't want to become part of a countering argument for this reason:

Everything that is done positively in the interests of animal rights - in keeping with our ethics - is of use. Some people will adopt one approach which will attract some people, others will adopt another. We have advanced in public awareness in leaps and bounds over the last few years and the animals must benefit in the end. Everybody has their part to play; everyone has something unique to offer. I'm sure that mistakes do happen - probably Friends of the Earth benefit from Greenpeaces actions, and maybe the RSPCA from the ALF, and maybe the ALF from the SEALL videos on TV...but so long as the money/energy is used for the animals, who cares? Actions are always more important than money - wouldn't you rather have 50,000 new activists than £50,000? - and money cannot buy activists.

I'd like to see less generally about people and more about animals. So what if other people have another approach? So long as we are true to ourselves we'll get there - by whatever means - and I for one don't give a stuff whether we win by ALF type action, political action, mass public opinion or whatever...or more likely a combination of everything. Let people choose their own course, respect their views and try not to be dictatorial. If you don't like what you see, do your own thing. If we can't be tolerant of each other (and we are, after all, the most wonderful mixture of people!) I think we could seriously hinder the general effort.

P.S. Don't Newcastle taxpayers help to finance Porton Down?

Hilly Beavan

ANIMAL RIGHTS CAMPAIGNER AND
GRAPHIC DESIGNER OF THE 'LIBERATOR'

CHICKS RESCUED

On 18th June ALF activists carried out a successful liberation at a chick hatchery unit in Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire.

We entered the site during daylight hours and moved to the nearest of the sheds, which were converted two storey battery units. Luckily for us the door had been left unlocked, so there was no damage done getting into the shed. Inside we found that the hatchery was a converted battery unit with the top cages being used to hold the chicks, the lower cages had been dismantled. A quick check of the unit revealed that it was filled with about 10,000 chicks up to a week old. We unscrewed the nuts off the front of one cage and removed the cover and liberated twenty chicks and also took the body of one of the several dead chicks in the cage. We then replaced the cage cover and left with the liberated chicks.

We then went on to meet a free-lance reporter who took photographs of two of the activists (in balaclavas) holding five of the chicks. After the photographs and interview we left to get the chicks safely back to their new free-range home. A spokesperson for the group then contacted the local media, telling them of the successful liberation.

We were obviously sad at leaving the other chicks in the hatchery as we believe that they are to go into the battery system, but twenty chicks are now living a happy, safe, free-range life. If we had been able to arrange other safe homes then more chicks could have been taken and this goes to show just how much we need the supporters to back us up by acting as safe homes to liberated animals.

Coventry ALF

In the early hours of Friday April 26th a cell of the Scottish ALF carried out a raid on a battery hen farm in Castlecary, near Glasgow. The farm had been visited twice previously - the first time driven by in daylight to get an idea of the lay-out of the farm and surrounding area. The second time activists visited the farm in the early hours of the morning to check out what sort of locks needed to be broken and whether there was an alarm system or farm dogs etc.

On the night of the raid the activists were dropped off on a quiet road near to the farm. The vehicle would return in twenty minutes unless a message was received beforehand over the radio.

The five activists made their way across some fields to the farm and, once the look-out was in position, the other four went to the far end of the building and removed a cross-beam from large double doors, so that it could be broken open from the inside if an emergency exit was needed. They then returned to the front of the building and broke open the small door into the building with a crowbar. After shutting the door, torches were switched on to reveal a shed filled with thousands of chicks. A small group of about fifty were in a corner, so the activists surrounded them by lying torches in a circle around them, thus preventing them from running away. Twelve of them were placed in sacks, as this was the number that homes had been arranged for. The activists then left the building, closing doors behind them to keep the heat in for those chicks unfortunately left behind.

They then made their way back up to the pick-up point and one activist, plus the hens, tools, boiler suits etc., went off in the vehicle. The other four jogged down the road to another junction, where a second vehicle picked them up and took them home.

All the hens were safely delivered and no one was arrested.

Scottish ALF

CELLAR

How does your holding unit work?

Our unit consists of a network of large, dry cellars. In these we have bails of hay, wicker baskets and various cages for any "guests" coming our way. We work it so that there is access to the cellars at all times. Generally we are asleep when the animals arrive - its a bit like Christmas going down to see whats there! Sometimes when injured animals arrive (where they have been injured in the labs., farms etc.) we are woken up to deal with them - we've lost count of the number of sleepless nights spent nursing animals. We are getting good at treating sick animals now and we have a great working relationship with three local vets who ask no questions.

What animal conditions have you had to deal with?

I think ex-battery hens are the worst when they arrive. Some can't even walk or stand and their legs buckle. You could do any terrible thing to these animals and they would just sit there and take it - they haven't any resistance and when they first arrive they don't have the will to live. I hate factory farmers - I want to shout out to people in the street because they are blind to all the suffering. When I pass a Kentucky Fried Chicken place I almost feel sorry for all the idiots inside stuffing their faces - I think of the poor crippled birds back at the unit, the broiler chickens with big bloated bodies and cancerous growths, and think "if only you knew". If I'm in a bad mood I wish they would choke on every mouthful.

"..the world of animal abuse passes through my cellar."

MANY ALF GROUPS WHO LIBERATE LARGE NUMBERS OF ANIMALS HAVE SPECIAL "HOLDING UNITS" WHERE ANIMALS ARE TAKEN AFTER RAIDS. THE ANIMALS ARE GIVEN TIME TO SETTLE DOWN AND THE INJURED ONES ARE TREATED BEFORE THEY ARE TAKEN TO THEIR PERMANENT HOMES. THE PEOPLE WHO RUN THESE HOLDING UNITS PROVIDE AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE. THEIR WORK IS NOT GLAMOUROUS AND IS OFTEN PAINFULLY SAD. THERE ARE GOOD TIMES TOO. THE FOLLOWING IS A COMPILATION OF SEVERAL INTERVIEWS WHICH GIVES AN OVERALL VIEW OF THE WORK OF THE HOLDING UNITS. FOR SECURITY REASONS WE HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN NAMES OR LOCATIONS OF THE UNITS, WHICH ARE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

You obviously feel very strongly - I suppose the media would call you an extremist.

I don't care what the papers would call me. I am very, very proud to help the activists. I work in local government and anyway, I'm too old to go jumping over ditches and climbing barbed wire fences! So I offer the activists the unit. They are marvellous people - anybody who criticises people who are willing to go to prison for helping animals is a monster. I think they are the most important people in our fight - the front line if you want. But back to your question - I used to be very wishy-washy about animal rights - I always wanted them to be treated better, but until I was approached with the idea of using the cellars as a unit, I couldn't quite see how best to help them. Also, we and the activists see the terrible suffering. I don't need to read "Animal Liberation" or "Slaughter of the Innocent" to know about the suffering - the world of animal abuse passes through my cellar.

The greatest expenditure in our work is that which is incurred in securing the future for rescued animals. As the interview at the holding units clearly shows, getting the animals out of the labs. etc. is by no means the end of the story. As far as the activists are concerned, many, many more animals could be rescued. But these raids cannot go ahead because the activists have nowhere to take the animals that they rescue. It isn't that the activists can't rescue these animals. Literally thousands of animals can be rescued every week. It isn't that there are not the people to manage holding units either. There are many people with the same dedication and similar attitudes as the people in our interview. But if you've recently had a shed installed in your back garden you can estimate the costliness of building a few chicken houses - let alone accommodation for calves from veal crates and pigs and cattle from labs. and farms, many of which, if we had this accommodation, could be rescued tomorrow. And if you've got a dog or cat in the family you'll know the cost of food and vets bills.

It isn't that the animal welfare/rights movement lacks the money that is needed for this - and this must surely be the most nauseating point of the lot. National animal organisations are sitting on a fortune. They're sitting on it and talking about some glorious time in the distant future when animals will have freedom (a glorious time which is not going to be achieved through their methods of campaigning anyway). Meanwhile animals are suffering today. If we had that money you would see those animals getting their freedom NOW.

The Rescued Animal Sanctuary Fund has been set up to concentrate on this particular aspect of the work. The main excuse from the national organisations is that they can't give money to illegal activities. Well, that excuse won't wash anymore because everything the Sanctuary Fund does will be carefully kept strictly within the law. The Fund needs donations, standing orders and legacies (cheques, POs payable to Rescued Animal Sanctuary Fund). It needs a concentrated fund raising effort from everybody, to be started immediately if animal accommodation is to be completed by next year to take the large quantities of monkeys, cattle, sheep etc. which are waiting to be liberated.

A leaflet has been produced, so let the Fund know if you can do some leafletting. The leaflet doesn't mention the ALF, it just explains that rescued animals need help, so it should get support from meat-eating, fur-wearing animal lovers who usually send their money to the RSPCA, while condemning the activists as mindless terrorists. Street collections should be successful aswell - you don't have to mention the ALF - just explain that cuddly bunnies need a roof over their heads for the winter and you won't be straying from the truth. Lets get the money going in the right direction for a change - to the animals that need it.

Rescued Animal Sanctuary Fund.

BCM Box 1160, London WC1N 3XX

DAFS

You mention battery hens in bad conditions. What else?

Vivisection animals - I hate receiving them. I'm used to it now but I always feel ashamed. Sometimes I hold an animal and all I can do is weep and whisper "sorry" to it. I've apologised so many times to animals for my species. The accusations in the animals eyes are always too much to bear. We had a group of beagles from a lab. and I soon learnt that I couldn't wear a white or dark green dress near them - if I did they would go mad, running around crashing into walls and furniture. God knows what they had gone through - it took them ages to settle down, and even after a few months you could tell that they didn't totally trust you. Mutilated animals are very difficult and very expensive to deal with. Some have to be helped to eat, some just stand and stare or tremble all the time. Sometimes an animal is so bad that nothing can be done and we are forced to have it put to sleep. We always make sure that we are there when it happens - once or twice I've seen the vet gasp as we've opened the animal basket. Yes, I can say that I don't give a damn about being called an extremist - do my job for a month and you'd probably be after blood.

"..do my job for a month and you'd probably be after blood."

It can't be all bad?

No, thats true - one extreme to another - sometimes I'm crying with happiness. To see an animal come out of its shell and learn to enjoy life is brilliant - to be finally trusted is a wonderful feeling. We are so careful not to break our part of the deal. I can't tell you what it feels like to see a once battered animal have the confidence to play and roll over on the grass. Young animals who have been kept in cages all their lives love to stretch out on the grass - they seem to drink in the fresh air. When animals go to their new homes it is both good and bad - we worry about them because we think they might think they were being put back in the lab. or whatever. You never have much time to dwell on it for long though because there are new animals that need your help. I suppose its like a hospital in some ways.

Are you involved in 'normal' animal rights campaigning?

I used to be a member of everything, like everybody else, but I've stopped that now for security reasons. In theory, I'm now totally unconnected with the movement, which is best - if the police raided the place and got all the animals I think I would die. I hear stories that some activists haven't got holding units in their area and they have to take risks with animals. I think that is terrible, I wish there were a million activists and a million holding units. I know there is a shortage of animal homes too and, to be honest, I think that the rest of the movement lets the activists down on this.

The ALF SG is now trying to get the message across to people that the activists are very badly funded and those who complain that the ALF aren't rescuing enough animals should help out in some way or another.

Thats a very important message - thats what we did. Our food and vet bills are very large, we take most of that ourselves with help from the local animal rights group - I hope your message gets through.



LEFT - Two new guests arrive safely at the holding unit - a beagle (the breeding male) and a labrador puppy - both liberated by the ALF from Liverpool University breeding unit on May 6th.

THE ALF IS STILL IN NEED OF HOMES FOR ANIMALS. IF YOU CAN OFFER A HOME TO AN ANIMAL PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE NEED TO KNOW THE TYPES AND AMOUNT OF ANIMALS YOU CAN TAKE. WE NEED TO KNOW YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBERS AT HOME AND AT WORK - AND PLEASE TELL US WHETHER IT IS A PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY HOME THAT YOU ARE OFFERING.

THANK YOU.

Home Secretary

PRISONERS & DEFENCE FUNDS

John Curtin is still in prison awaiting trial on various charges connected with the attempted digging up of fanatical foxhunter the Duke of Beaufort. Send letters to John Curtin, F17288, HM Prison, Romsey Road, Winchester, Hants. Johns co-defendant, Terry Helsby, was recently granted bail after over 6 months in custody. Donations towards their defence should be sent to Bristol Defence Fund, c/o BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX.

Steve Burrow & Paul Kennedy were both sentenced to imprisonment for going equipped to cause arson at the McDonalds HQ in North London. Paul was given 8 months (has now been released) & Steve received 12 (due for release very soon.)

Carlo Hanshaw, Dave Babbington (each 2 years 7 months), Graham Mitchell & Steve Symonds (each 2 years) still in prison for arson attack on Min. of Ag. vivisection lab in Leeds in December. Letters for them & donations c/o NEALL, Box 15, 59, Cookridge St, Leeds L52 3AW. Cheques payable to Hazelton Action Group.

Gus MacInnes sentenced to 12 months imprisonment for contamination of Beechams products with urine as part of a campaign against cruel experiments carried out by the company. Has now been moved to an open prison & is due out in November. Letters to Angus MacInnes, HM Prison Penninghame, Newton Stewart, Wigtonshire, Scotland, DG8 6RG. Donations to Angus MacInnes Support Group c/o Vegan Action Group, 53, Cochrane St, Glasgow G1 1HL.

Andy Horbury, sentenced to 2 years imprisonment early this year for raid on Cocksparrow fur farm, is now in an open prison & is due to be released on parole at the end of September. (Donations to SARG Defence Fund, PO Box 205, Sheffield, S1 1BW.)

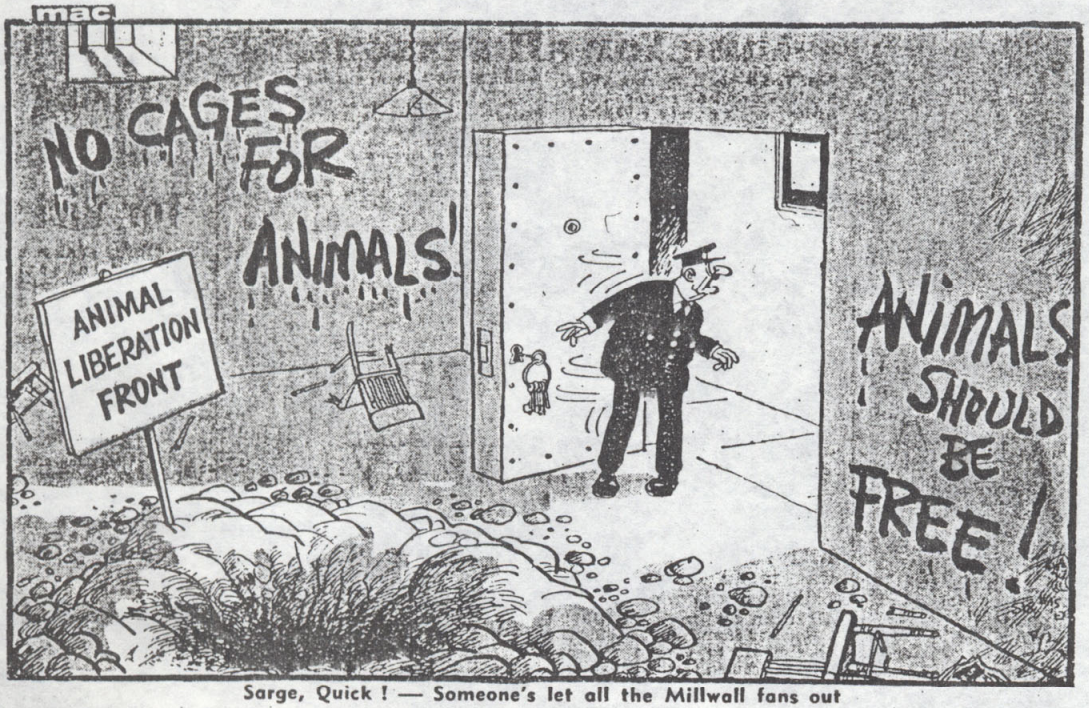
Mark Houghton, Martin Gomez (who both received 3 months) & Helen Sinclair (1 month) sent to prison at Wolverhampton Crown Court in June for damaging meat lorries have all now been released.

13 animal liberationists arrested following attempt to set fire to newly-built laboratory near Hamburg, West Germany on June 29th. 10 of them face charges not only of attempted arson, but also of belonging to a terrorist organisation. Some of those charged are being held in prison in solitary confinement.

Iain McCann has been sentenced to 4 years imprisonment for 2 arson attacks on property connected with the notorious Wickham vivisection labs in Hampshire.

4 people from Sheffield each sentenced to 6 months imprisonment for going equipped to cause arson at building which was going to be used to keep animals for vivisection at Leeds University. Please write (individually) to Shirley Clarke (P33107), Julie Edwards (P33108) HM Prison Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire; Brett Jackson (R97915), Mike Hayes (R97916) HM Prison, Hedon Road, Hull. (Donations to SARG Defence Fund, PO Box 205, Sheffield S1 1BW.)

Robin Smith & Dave Callender each jailed for 3 months (& ordered to pay £1,000 each) at Knutsford Crown Court for unlawful assembly & causing damage during NALL raid on ICI animal torture labs at Alderley Edge in April last year. Due for release in September. 14 other activists were given non-custodial sentences. (Donations to NALL, 10 Great Ancoats St., Manchester, 4)



Sarge, Quick ! — Someone's let all the Millwall fans out

SUPPORT FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS is a group set up to help people imprisoned for animal rights activities. They can be contacted at SARP, Box 101, 84b, Whitechapel High Street, London, E1.

LIFE

● Who are the Animal Liberation Front and would you recommend an animal lover joining them?

▲ The ALF is a hotch-potch of highly suspect, semi-secret factions and, *no*, I wouldn't recommend you join them. Recent headlines will have warned you of the kind of things they get up to and many people in animal welfare are angry because they feel they are letting down the animal movement. Consider joining the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection.

Look Now

After a week in custody ALF Northern Press Officer Richard Walker was granted bail on a charge that he threatened that criminal damage would be caused at Rackhams store in Sheffield (because of the fur dept. there). He has now also been charged with breaking the windows of a Merseyside travel agents which was selling tickets for an animal circus. (Donations to ALF SG.)

13 people from North Wales are currently on bail facing various charges including conspiracy to damage meat lorries, butchers shops etc., theft (rescue) of dogs & threatening to cause criminal damage. (Donations to ALF SG.)

19 activists are due to stand trial at Winchester Crown Court at the end of September on various charges including conspiracy to rob. The charges arise out of 3 consecutive SEALL raids last October against premises connected with pet stealing & vivisection in Hants (including the infamous Wickham labs). (Donations to Wickham Defence Fund, c/o BARG, Students Union, Brunel University, Uxbridge, Middx, UB8 3PH.)

30 people are on bail awaiting trial on charges of conspiracy to cause criminal damage & to do burglary in connection with a raid last year on the Unilever vivisection lab in Bedfordshire by the Eastern Animal Liberation League. (Donations to EALL Defence Fund, c/o Doorway Bookshop, 18, Victoria Rd, Northampton.)

3 activists from the South Midlands area face charges of going equipped to cause damage. One of them is also charged with damaging local butchers shops. (Donations to ALF SG).

2 animal liberation campaigners from East London fined a total of £110 for damaging butchers shops. (Donations to ALF SG.)

Animal rights activist from Tonbridge, Kent charged with theft in connection with rescue of dog being kept in a cage. (Donations to ALF SG.)

Bernard Lieving charged with burglary following the rescue of over 30 dogs from Oxford University Park Farm (vivisection holding unit) by CALL early in July.

Animal liberation campaigner Simon Fearn fined £100 & ordered to pay a further £60 for painting slogans on shops in Salisbury displaying animal circus posters. (Donations to ALF SG.)

5 activists due to go on trial at Wycombe Magistrates at end of September charged with damaging fence at a Buckinghamshire mink farm. (Donations to ALF SG.)

2 activists from Bath ordered to pay a total of over £750 for damaging a butchers shop window. (Donations to ALF SG.)

Several people from Nottingham area have received non custodial sentences (fines etc.) in connection with raids on animal abuse targets (including butchers shops & schools involved in dissection). 4 others are awaiting sentence on more serious charges of arson & thousands of pounds damage to meat factories. (Donations to ALF SG.)

5 animal liberationists arrested by police on June 1st during raid on premises of wild animal dealer near Nuremberg, W Germany. They had already caused £2,500 damage.

Several activists face charges after being arrested for attacks on shops involved in animal abuse during a night of action in Huddersfield. (Donations to Huddersfield Animal Rights Group, PO Box B9, Huddersfield, W Yorks.)

NON A LA VIVISECTION

UNIVERSITY OF PARIS

Wednesday 29th May - three FLA members rescued fifty-nine frogs from a lab. being kept for the students final exams. Eight quail were also rescued. They were kept in tiny cages and could not move.

A slogan "vivisection = mental pathology" was sprayed outside on the laboratory walls in blood red paint. The rescuers smashed a double window pane with a sledge-hammer to get to eleven cats which were being kept for nerve experiments, to rescue them. The activists had only the time to go into the cat room and see the bewildered cats when a laboratory assistant appeared and tried to catch the activists. They advised him to let them go but he resisted and one member had to spray tear gas in his face. The activists escaped with a bag full of frogs and two other bags with the eight birds.

All the animals were later released in the wild, after removing the metal devices that the vivisectors had put on the birds wings.

One day later a statement was given to the Agence France Presse, in which it was said that the attack on the laboratory assistant should not be considered offensive but was carried out to prevent the man from 'disturbing' the activists at work.

Hoping that next time we will be still more successful.

ALF France

Perrycroft Lodge

In the small hours of the morning a Midlands ALF unit arrived at the Perrycroft Lodge beagle breeding complex in Colwall, near Malvern, Worcestershire. The phone wires to the site were cut and the group removed a large and heavy empty cage structure from a gateway in the preimeter of the site to gain entrance.

The cats are not bred at the kennels and were all fully grown animals - their friendliness showed them to be domesticated and obviously they had not long been in the filthy wooden shanty construction of pens that they were being kept in. Twenty cats were rescued and taken to safe homes. Unfortunately, two cat boxes were accidentally left on the premises. One of the papers had the name of my home on it and, after three days surveillance, the police raided it at 8.30 in the morning. They simultaneously raided my girlfriends house in Hereford. She knew nothing about the action but had visited my house during the period of surveillance.

I was taken to Cheltenham police station where I refused to say a word. The police threatened to arrest my mother (!) on suspicion of burglary if I didn't co-operate. When this drew no response they subsequently did so. She was held all day and, having no knowledge at all of police methods, believed them when they said I had told them everything. She then told them what time I had left the house and returned the following morning.

I was held overnight and was given bail in court the following morning, after making a statement based around what I knew they knew already, but omitting number, sex or names of others involved or where the cats went. I was fined £100 and ordered to pay £300 compensation (Crowley was asking for £400, as he can sell the cats to labs. for £20 each).

MC

Animal libbers in store attacks

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Local animal rights campaigners had tried for many years to persuade Rackhams, a 'House of Fraser' department store, to get rid of its fur department, owned by the infamous Edelson Co. Tactics had included leaflets, sit-ins, pledges, the usual ineffective well-tried procedures. Still Rackhams had large front page fur ads. in the local newspaper at least twice a week and had considered animal 'welfarists' as nothing more than a minor discomfort.

This state of affairs was about to radically change as ALF activists discussed plans one Sunday afternoon in May. That night at about 9.30, one activist glued up five locks. About two hours later another activist, using a 1½lb hammer, smashed eight large plate-glass windows. The activist had simply run along a row of windows and, using a little effort, had put small five inch holes in each window. The noise created by the hammer was minimal and the activist escaped unnoticed, taking only ten seconds to carry out the attack. Altogether damage was estimated at £4,500.

A spokesman contacted the press the following morning and warned that Rackhams would be hit again unless they got rid of their fur department. The story made the front pages of both local newspapers and both carried editorials predictably denouncing the activists. (Rackhams are the largest advertisers in both local newspapers.)

Two nights later it was decided to try again. Despite a small police presence, an activist, again using a 1½lb hammer, smashed seven windows. The two policemen who were about fifty yards away didn't even hear the smash. Again the activist escaped unnoticed, having caused £1,500 damage.

At this, the fur trade dropped its usual undisturbed, laid-back posture. Michael Edelson drove to Sheffield demanding a meeting with the chief constable. A Rackhams board meeting was called and all fur advertising was withdrawn. The British Fur Trade Association contacted all local press with a ludicrous claim that the ALF had used an incendiary device - a claim denied by the police.

The scene around Rackhams that night resembled a fortress. A police van guarded the front of the building, its occupants stood guard at every second window. That part of Rackhams which is underground was similarly patrolled. Two police motorcyclists scoured the vicinity for prospective activists and an extra police car watched from the other side of the road. At least six plain clothes detectives made a farcical attempt to blend in with passers by. We sat in a pub directly opposite and watched in amazement as these guardians of law and disorder made complete asses of themselves. At this conjecture we realised that victory was achievable.



". . . and so, gentlemen, to our latest attempt to appease the Animal Liberation Front."

ANIMAL Liberation Front activists have given Rackhams department store in Sheffield an ultimatum after claiming to have caused thousands of pounds worth of damage.

The group has announced that unless the store stops selling fur coats in the next two weeks an all out campaign will be launched.

A taste of what will happen was given early yesterday morning, when eight plate-glass windows were smashed and five locks filled with superglue, costing the store £4,100.

Richard Walker, a spokesman for the ALF, said: "They've got two weeks to move all the fur coats from the shop. If they won't, a continuous campaign will be started.

"We want Rackhams to realise that it is not worthwhile to keep on selling the coats. Our action is not against Rackhams, but against the Edelson Fur Company that has an outlet in the store."

Morning Telegraph Sheffield

Over a week later plain clothed detectives still patrolled Rackhams. Another attack was considered 'unlikely'. We had words with friends in other towns and cities in the 'North' and a co-ordinated attack was planned for other stores selling Edelson Furs.

On Sunday night, 16th June, a series of actions took place in towns and cities throughout the north of England. The tactics were identical to those used by the Sheffield group. At Rackhams in Altrincham, Cheshire, nine large windows were smashed, at Lewises, in Leeds, eight were smashed, at Binns in Harrogate five were smashed (this store had removed its Edelsons fur dept. over a year earlier, but was nevertheless a House of Fraser store), three were smashed at Binns in Blackpool, two at Binns in Doncaster and one at Kendals in Manchester. We estimate that £20,000 damage was caused to these stores, all of which have Edelson Fur departments.

The media coverage was sketchy, due to the nature of the attacks, but there is little doubt that this was one of the biggest blows to the fur trade for many years. A large percentage of their retail trade is in department stores. Once these stores become regular ALF targets, I believe they will drop the fur trade like a hot potato. In the long-run, such a victory, which is eminently achievable, would save the lives of many, many animals.

It is important that other groups adopt these tactics, to apply the pressure now needed. In Sheffield we are certain that Rackhams will eventually drop its fur department. We believe that this will cause other stores to do the same. If these actions escalate, eventually to a nationwide scale, there is a likelihood that parent companies like House of Fraser (Rackhams, Binns and Frasers), Lewises and Debenhams will see the fur trade as a headache. When this happens they will simply drop their fur departments, which make up only a small percentage of their profits. Conversely, such a situation would be disastrous for the fur trade and would slash their retail outlets by as much as fifty percent.

Sheffield ALF

Under the Rainbows

It is not often that we of the ALF are able to liberate animals by the ton, but such a raid was successfully carried out in the first week of June this year. Our target was Horton Trout Farm owned by Kingsmead Fisheries Ltd., the notorious suppliers of live trout to Thorpe Park amusement complex. The brutal treatment of the trout at Thorpe Park has now been stopped, thanks to the work of the Hunt Saboteurs. The problem of the fishery remains.

This little 'industry' has its base in the quiet village of Horton in Berkshire. Sited on a worked out gravel pit, the farm holds almost twenty-two tons of Rainbow trout in seventeen floating pens - at least, it did until the ALF visited them in the early hours of a June morning.

Working systematically from pen to pen, the team, using sub-aqua equipment, slashed the nylon netting to shreds. The fish poured out into the lake. At every net we could see dozens of dead fish floating in the two feet or so of free space the pen afforded its captives - the stench of dead fish was sad and disgusting. As the last net was wrecked and the captives freed, the team headed to the waters edge. The diving outfits were exchanged for more normal attire and the cold, wet and jubilant Front members headed away from the scene.

The results were, to say the least, encouraging. The entire stock was liberated, every net was rendered useless and the stream that bisects the square mile of lake soon filled with trout. This stream leads to the River Colne and finally the Thames.

The team knew that many of the trout would be eaten by the various predators (including anglers!) that live in or around the pit. The decision to liberate the fish was taken on the basis that although a percentage would not survive, once out of the pens a far greater percentage would. If we had not acted, not one single fish would have lived. The death of every fish in the pens in guaranteed, as is the profit from this barbaric exploitation. The fish that existed in the pathetically over-crowded conditions faced a horrendous death in a bath tub arrangement connected to mains electricity. This device becomes a chamber of torture and death at the flick of a switch.

The newspapers followed up the ALF press release to a national news agency with some national and good local coverage, during which the full impact of the hit became apparant. The facts and figures made satisfying reading.

The trout farm admitted that 182,000 fish had been released, comprising of some twenty-one tons of trout. Each fish, had it survived the intensive farming methods Kingsmead employ, would have reached a weight of at least a pound. The retail price per pound at the time of the raid was £1.30. It needs no genius to work out the financial set-back to the purveyors of tortured fish. Kingsmead claim that the 182,000 fish were worth £25,000!

Let no-one think we are being over-emotive about about this torture, it is not only beagles and monkeys that feel pain and deprivation. All animals that move of their own accord and choose their own mates and territories suffer horribly when these basic rights are denied. Every creature has the right to make their own way, free of exploitation. It is up to all of us to study each situation and decide upon a course of action to liberate the innocents from pain and suffering which they have endured for far too long.

Watch, wait, plan and act.

ALF

Trout farm hit by 'ALF' raid

ANIMAL rights activists cut their way into a Horton fish farm last week and freed more than £25,000 worth of trout from the netted enclosure.

The commando-style raid happened in the early hours of Thursday morning at the Horton Trout Fishery and Kingsmead Fish Farm.

Responsibility for freeing the fish and causing £100 worth of damage to 17 nets has since been claimed by the Animal Liberation Front. Members — probably brought in from outside the area — used diving equipment to swim into the fish compound and cut the nets.

The fish are now swimming around the water-filled gravel pit, and are easy prey for many of the larger predators in the lake.

The organisation has since claimed that they released between £60,000 and £80,000 worth of fish. They also claim that the fish farm is considering bringing in armed guards to patrol the farm.

David Rodgers, the commercial manager at the farm. Mr. Rodgers told the 'Observer' the number of fish released amounted to approximately 21 tons.

"The gravel pits are very very dangerous to swim in because of all the netting. If they continue, they risk their lives.

"We have professional divers and they say this is one of the most dangerous places to dive and swim because you can easily get tangled under the water. These people took a considerable risk".

This is the second raid the ALF have carried out on the fish farm in the past 12 months.

The dangers faced by the ALF does not worry them, a spokesman said this week. "The risks are not important. We are upset at the cruelty of rearing fish in this way for restaurants. After all, fish feel pain like all other animals", he said.

Iver District Observer

As a result of the fish farm starting to re-stock, it was hit again by the ALF and will be monitored until the ALF feel it unnecessary to continue.

Lunatic fringe is real danger

THE recent attacks on local High Street butchers by the Animal Liberation Front are to be deplored.

We are engaged in a long term struggle to end animal cruelty. It is a campaign that has been going on for many, many years and at last the tide is beginning to turn.

The case for animal rights is now widely supported by the media and public opinion has swung in our favour. The majority of people are outraged by the cruelties involved in factory farming, vivisection and the seal cull.

The National Opinion Poll has shown that 88 per cent of the population want a better deal for farm animals. Progress is now proposed among legislators at Westminster and Brussels, although it may not be as radical as we would wish.

Suddenly all of this progress is threatened by the lunatic fringe putting bleach into bottles of baby shampoo, breaking windows of butchers' shops, and pretending to have put rat poison in Mars bars. The self-styled Animal Liberation Front is now advocating an escalation of violence and is encouraging its followers to take part in armed trespass on private property.

By such violent acts these people imply that the animal welfare movement is a cranky minority, and the suggestion is that its arguments are so weak that they have to be defended by terrorist tactics.

They are losing us public support. Can they not see that they are fighting against their own nature? They are themselves adopting the very faults that they are trying to overcome in others.

The case for animal rights is moral, reasonable and overwhelming. It does not need violence to defend it.

Further information is available from me.

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Letters like this on the right (Folkestone Herald - 26th July) are getting all too familiar, to which we should be seeing more replies like the one below (Folkestone Herald - 2nd August).

I WAS incensed to read the condemnation of the Animal Liberation Front by Carol Long of Compassion in World Farming (CIWF) in last week's Letters Page.

The animal rights movement can do without such petty attacks on 'fellow campaigners'. The ALF has done more to expose the horrors of factory farming than CIWF could ever hope to achieve. Additionally, the ALF actually gives the animals it releases the freedom they deserve.

Until the point of writing this letter I was a CIWF local contact. This letter constitutes my formal resignation from the Society.

Richard Farhall
ex CIWF Contact

Augusta Gardens
Folkestone



DIARY

Welwyn & Hatfield Times

ANIMAL rights activists caused several thousands pounds worth of damage when they carried out a moonlight raid on a chicken breeding farm.

Buildings at Ross Breeders in Great North Road, Welwyn, were daubed with slogans and vehicles were heavily damaged with paint stripper and sugar in the petrol tanks.

Company files were stolen during the raid last Tuesday night and police confirmed that they are investigating criminal damage and burglary offences.

In a statement to the press the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the attack and said: "It was in protest at this company's wholesale exploitation of animals for profit. This company sells its chickens worldwide making a huge profit out of animal suffering."

Managing Director of Ross Breeders John Ewart was unavailable for comment.

Early March: Dublin, Eire - slogans painted on outside of vivisection lab. at university.

March 1st: West Hampstead, NW London - butchers van paintstrippered & locks glued.

March 2nd: Liverpool - tyres punctured of car belonging to manager of Aintree racecourse.
Broadstone, Dorset - damage done to golf course because proprieters shoot rabbits which live there.
Luton, Beds - window of French restaurant selling frogs legs smashed.

March 3rd: East Ham, E London - meat van paintstrippered & locks glued.

March 5th: W Middx, S Bucks, E Berks - windows of at least a dozen animal abuse targets damaged using an air rifle, including 6 butchers shops, a fishmongers, admin. block of a vivisection lab., offices of Shooting Times, halal meat shop, meat factory & lorry & car parked there.
Welwyn, Herts - several thousand pounds damage done at firm breeding chickens for factory farms (Ross Breeders Ltd.). Buildings daubed, vehicles paintstrippered & sugar in tanks, files taken.

March 6th: Sampfordspiney, Devon - damage done to landrover at foxhunt kennels & slogans painted.

March 8th: Upton Park, E London - sausage factory van paintstrippered, locks glued, wipers bent.
Trafalgar Square, London - 2 paint bombs thrown at Canada House (against the seal kill).

March 9th: Enfield, Middx - 3 rabbits, due to be used for coursing practice, rescued.
Dublin Eire - slogans against seal cull daubed on Canadian Embassy & locks glued.

March 11th: Davis, California, USA - 2 vans at vivisection university sprayed with slogans.
Exeter, Devon - Badger Defence Group destroyed 200 badger traps worth £7,000 in raid on Min. of Ag. offices.
Macclesfield, Cheshire - £1,000 damage at dairy. Windows broken, slogans painted, 3 milk floats painstrippered.

STAFF at the Parker Street depot of United Co-operative Dairies Ltd. were shocked this week to find their premises subjected to £1,000 worth of vandalism, allegedly by the Animal Liberation Front.

In the eary hours of Monday morning rocks were hurled through their windows, graffiti sprayed on vehicles and walls and paint stripper poured on three diesel milk floats.

CALF Murder' and 'Cows milk is for calves' were the surprising slogans sprayed around the depot.

"We cannot understand why this has happened to us when most of the population drink milk," said Dairy Manager, Richard Bailey.

Local Manager Norman Hodson and employee Brian Ward survey some of the damage.

● An ALF spokesman later claimed responsibility in a call to the Express Advertiser. He also said they had glued the locks of a Buxton Road chip shop which sells frogs legs and hit a local slaughter house.

They had hit the dairy to highlight the fact that cows must have regular pregnancies to produce milk then have their calves taken away.

Macclesfield Express Advertiser

March 12th: Upton Park, E London - halal meat lorry cab painstrippered, wipers damaged, slogans painted, locks glued.
Gedling, Notts - articulated meat lorry tyres slashed, windscreen smashed.

March 16th: Richmond, Surrey - butchers meat trailer paintstrippered.

Mid March: Nottingham - butchers van tyres punctured.
Dublin, Eire - damage caused to vivisection labs. at Trinity College.
Merseyside - anglers car destroyed by fire.

March 18th: Wimbourne, Dorset - windows smashed & locks glued at clothing store where fur show was due to take place.
Ringwood, Hants - 2 vehicles damaged & slogans sprayed at intensive pig farm.
Central London - outside of Home Office paintbombed.

March 20th: Waterford, Eire - slogans painted on walls of hare coursers house.
Sittingbourne, Kent - landrover belonging to local BFSS secretary paintstrippered as was front door of his house. Entrance sign to Shell labs. paintbombed.

March 23rd: The Lea, Herefords - bloodsporters pick-up truck paintstrippered.
Luton, Beds - pet shop van damaged.
Nottingham - Rentokil van sprayed & windscreen smashed.

March 24th: West Kirby, Merseyside - 2 dogs rescued from cruel home.
Birkenhead, Merseyside - sausage & beefburger factory (Rio Food Products) destroyed by fire & explosion. £200,000 damage.

March 26th: Ramsgate, Kent - meat lorry paintstrippered & locks glued.

March 27th: Huddersfield, W Yorks - 16 shops involved in animal abuse (butchers, fur shops etc.) locks glued, slogans sprayed.
Sheffield & Rotherham, S Yorks - windows smashed of 4 branches of Woodcock Travel (selling tickets for circuses with performing animals) & locks of another glued.

March 28th: Poole, Dorset - cruelly treated dog rescued from back garden.
Sheffield - window of Rackhams store (has fur dept.) broken.
Foscott, Bucks - foxhunters horsebox burnt by HRS.
Hebden Bridge, W Yorks - damage caused to 3 lorries belonging to battery egg firm & slogans painted on egg packing station.

March 29th: Southampton - cruelly treated puppy rescued from house.
Battlesbridge, Essex - over £1,500 damage done to offices of Tuck & Son lab. animal breeders.

March 30th: Welwyn Garden City, Herts - 22 hens rescued from battery unit at Stanboroughbury Farm. Slogans daubed.
Ferndown, Dorset - £10,000 damage done to lorries at Uddens abattoir - paintstripper, slogans etc.
Broadstairs, Kent - Wealdhurst Eggs battery farm - slogans painted, tractor & 2 trailers paintstrippered, wires ripped out, dirt put in fuel tank.

£10,000 raid

ANIMAL Rights supporters have admitted causing £10,000 worth of damage during a raid yesterday at a Wimborne abattoir.

Five vehicles were damaged by paint sprayer and buildings at the FMC Abattoir on the Uddens Trading Estate were daubed with Animal Liberation Front slogans.

ALF spokeswoman Sylvia Bolt said the group claimed responsibility for the raid in the early hours that was part of a nationwide protest over the Easter trade.

Evening Echo
Bournemouth

Margate, Kent - slogans painted at battery farm.
South Midland area - dozens of betting shops - locks glued, slogans etc. in early hours of Grand National Day.
Cardiff area, S Wales - 3 chicken processing plants daubed & locks glued. (Vehicles also damaged at one.)

March 31st: Bridport, Dorset - 10 windows smashed & locks glued at West Dorset Nets - sell traps, snares etc.
Polegate, E Sussex - battery farm (Bay Tree Egg Farm) - 3 delivery vans & Mercedes car paintstrippered, sugar poured in fuel tanks, slogans daubed, 5 hens rescued.
Hull - 6 lorries used to transport battery eggs damaged.

Eastbourne Gazette

• POLEGATE

Animal Front raids egg farm

By SHARON PAPPS

A GROUP of animal rights protesters caused thousands of pounds worth of damage when they raided a battery egg farm in Polegate in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Members of the so-called Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the raid on Bay Tree Egg Farm, owned by Mr Michael Hobden for the past eight years.

They poured paint stripper over three delivery vans and a Mercedes car, causing £2,900 worth of damage.

Damage

The group also filled the vehicles' diesel tanks with sugar — which turns to a glue like substance — which caused one of the van's engines to sieze up. The cost of the damage was a further £1,400.

The initials ALF (Animal Liberation Front) were daubed in red paint over the windows and door of the farmshop as well as over the yard and workshop.'

And one of the four battery sheds was broken into and five chickens stolen.

A spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front said, 'This raid was one of a series of actions taking place all over the country to highlight to the public the appalling conditions battery hens are kept in.'

Mr Hobden, who has around 14,000 battery hens, is insured for the damage. But he said, 'It is an inconvenience and I shall be getting tighter security measures.'

The raid took place at about 4.30 a.m.

Daily Telegraph Manchester

ACTIVISTS RAID PETS' CORNER

BADGERS and foxes have been released from a small, council-owned pets' corner in a Manchester park by animal rights campaigners.

After the raid, early yesterday morning, a spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front said the animals had been kept in "appalling and unnatural conditions."

Two badgers and two foxes were taken from their pens in Heaton Park.

A statement released yesterday read: "This action was taken in protest at the appalling and unnatural conditions the animals were kept in. Wild animals have the right to be free. They should not be the prisoners of human amusement."

Manchester police said they were investigating a break-in at the park. They said the pens had been slightly damaged and four animals stolen.

Egg lorry attack—

SIX LORRIES at the Northumberland Avenue site in Hull or Wold Eggs Supply had their windscreen wipers ripped off overnight and one windscreen was smashed.

All had sugar poured into their petrol tanks. A spokesman for the company said three lorries were back in service this morning and the remainder will be by this afternoon.

Detectives are currently investigating the damage. The Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility in a telephone call to the Hull Daily Mail.

Daily Mail Hull

Mouse factory raided

ANIMAL rights campaigners attacked a mouse-breeding unit in Battlesbridge causing more than £1,500 damage.

Workers at The Mousery in Beeches Road, owned by A Tuck and Son, found the damage on Saturday.

The attackers smashed office doors and breeding units, broke scales and other equipment and daubed the inside of the building with red paint.

A Rayleigh police spokesman said: "There was a lot of damage and it looks as if they used axes

A member of the Animal Liberation Front claimed it caused the damage because mice were bred there to go to experimental laboratories.

Evening Echo Southend

Malvern Gazette

Animal rights campaigners have struck again at a Colwall vivisection breeding centre pouring paint strippers over cars and daubing slogans on buildings.

The attack at Perrycroft Lodge, Jubilee Drive, in the early hours of Tuesday morning caused more than £1,000 worth of damage. Midlands Animal Liberation Front has claimed responsibility.

The intruders threw paint stripper over three vehicles and bent windscreen wipers as well as spraying slogans saying "Free Beagles" and "Cat Killers" in red and white paint on buildings.

Centre owner Mr Edward Crowley refused to comment on the incident.

Other actions in March.

At least 70 butchers/meat shops damaged (windows broken/slogans painted/locks glued etc.) in London, Ramsgate, Rugby, Edinburgh, Dublin, Sheffield, Dudley, Liverpool, Margate, Whitley Bay, Herne Bay, Sittingbourne, Ruislip, Wembley, Harrow, Newent, Axminster, Nottingham, Leicester.

Fur shops damaged in Blandford (Dorset) Sheffield, Cliftonville (Kent), Rugby, Montreal (Canada), Sacramento (California).

Burger bars damaged in London & Leeds.

Bookmakers damaged in London, Coventry & Enfield.

Fishing Tackle shops damaged in London, Sittingbourne, Harrow.

Fishmongers damaged in Macclesfield, Edinburgh, Bournemouth.

Shops displaying posters for animal circuses damaged in Coventry & Sheffield.

Early April: Colindale, NW London - meat van paintstrippered.

April 1st: Gif-sur-Yvette, France - 17 baboons rescued from vivisection lab. by 'Operation Greystoke'.
Luton, Beds - window of French restaurant selling frogs legs smashed (again).

April 3rd: Slip End, Beds - slogans daubed at battery farm.

April 4th: Leysdown, Kent - van & car belonging to fish shop, which also sells frogs legs, paintstrippered.
Leytonstone, E London - damage done at Kenways Bacon Co. Van paintstrippered, locks of van & building glued, slogans sprayed.
Manor Park, E London - meat van paintstrippered.
Finchley, N London - 3 meat vans paintstrippered. Locks glued at McDonalds HQ.
Whitehall, Central London - 2 litres of paint thrown over front door of Ministry of Agriculture.

April 8th: Kiel, W Germany - 60 rats, 30 guinea pigs, 5 sheep rescued from vivisection lab. at university.

April 9th: Colwall, Worcs - over £1,000 damage to 3 vehicles & slogans on buildings at Perrycroft Lodge (breed beagles & cats for vivisection).

April 12th: Rugby, Warwicks -paint sprayed inside cabs of several milk floats & slogans painted at dairy.
Wolverton, Bucks - meat factory daubed with slogans & windscreen of lorry smashed.

April 13th: New Forest, Hants - damage done at kennels of New Forest Buckhounds.
Dublin, Eire - slogans against cruel experiments sprayed on university college.

April 14th: Montmorency Forest, France - bulldozer used to destroy wildlife habitat damaged.
Prestwich, Gtr Manchester - 2 foxes & 2 badgers rescued from small cages at mini zoo.
Preston, Lancs - 80ft long 'Meat is Murder' slogan daubed on bacon factory & tyres of 4 delivery vans punctured.

April 15th: Neston, Merseyside - 2 lambs rescued from research station.

April 16th: East Hanningfield, Essex - Buxted poultry farm - damage to 2 lorries & a car.

Mid April: Davis, California, USA - 2 vehicles belonging to university sprayed with slogans because of cruel experiments there.
Faversham, Kent - slogans painted on wall of Tickham Hunt Kennels.
Westoning, Beds - walls of abattoir & cattle truck daubed.

April 19th: Golders Green, NW London - side windows & windscreen smashed of kosher poultry van.
Highgate, N London - kosher butchers van paintstrippered, windscreen wipers broken, locks glued, windscreen & side windows smashed.
Stoke Newington, N London - halal meat van windscreen & 2 side windows broken.

April 20th: Riverside, California, USA - 1,000 animals rescued from vivisection at University of California (rats, rabbits, cats & a monkey).

April 24th: Stanmore, Middx - car belonging to director of ritual poultry slaughterhouse paintstrippered & several windows broken. £3,000 damage.
West Kensington, W London - meat van paintstrippered.
Altrincham, Gtr Manchester - 34 rabbits rescued from factory farm.

April 25th: Trowbridge, Wilts - slogans daubed on wall of meat factory.

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT RESCUES MONKEY

The infant stumptail monkey whose picture you see (before and after "liberation") was born at the University of California at Riverside. He was just one of 260 animals removed from the campus in a pre-dawn raid on 20 April 1985. Other animals rescued included cats, pigeons, rats, deer mice, and opossums.

The raid was carried out by members of the underground Animal Liberation Front. The infant monkey, who was just 5 weeks old, was given the name "Britches" by his rescuers. "Britches" was being kept in isolation with his entire skull and most of his face covered by surgical tape and electrical gadgets as part of the protocol for a study of the combined effects of sight deprivation and isolation. It is surprising that anybody would consider such experiments necessary as hundreds, if not thousands, of primates have been blinded and/or isolated in the name of science already.

According to a report of the raid carried by United Press International (21 April 1985), the raiders filmed and photographed the animals before they were freed. They also removed lab notes showing that some infant monkeys had been killed in the isolation-blinding experiments.

Ted Hullar, Executive Vice-Chancellor of the University of California, was quoted as saying that, "We have reason to believe that they [the animals] are in worse hands [than at the university]."

IPPL invites members to look carefully at the two photographs and drop us a postcard telling us whether they agree that "Britches" is in "worse hands" now than he was before.

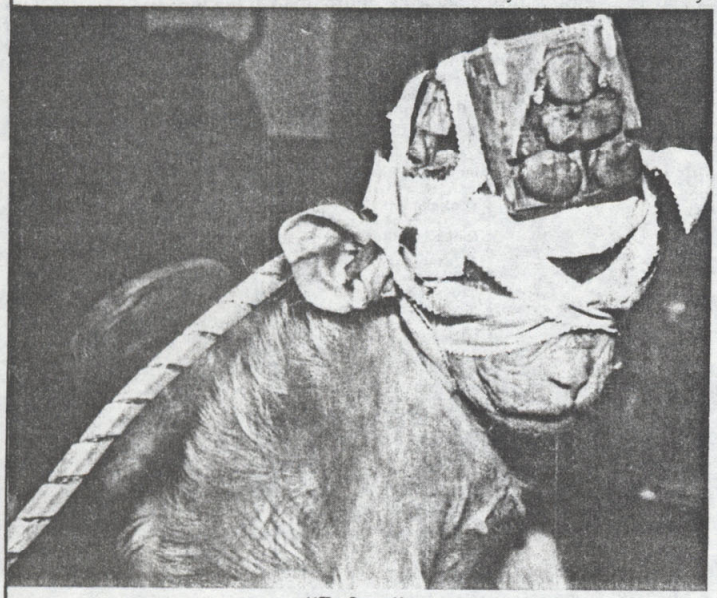
According to the *Los Angeles Times* (23 April 1985) a veterinarian has removed the stitches and contraptions and restored the baby monkey's sight.

Eastern Daily Press
Norwich

ANIMAL liberationists broke into two Bernard Matthews turkey farms it was revealed yesterday.

The break-in, at two site offices, happened on Sunday night at the company's Hockering and Lyng rearing farms which are about four miles apart.

Company documents were taken, according to police including an address index and the slogan "ALF" was daubed on office walls.



"Before"



"After"

ANIMAL LIBBERS STRIKE AGAIN

MEMBERS of the Animal Liberation Front struck at a poultry slaughter house over the weekend, causing damage estimated at £3,000.

An employee of P. Lewis Poultry Ltd of Smeed Road, Bow turned up for work on Monday morning to find the tyres slashed on three lorries and a van.

Paste had also been poured into a fuel tank and a tachometer was smashed.

The attack took place some time between Saturday night and Sunday morning. Owner of the company, Mr. Lewis refused to comment.

A spokesman for the ALF confirmed that the attack had taken place and said they supported the action.

"This is a ritual slaughterers where the chickens have their throats cut without being stunned first so they suffer more than they usually would," he said.

Animal right protesters also claim to have carried out two other attacks last week.

They smashed the window of a fast-food shop in Mare Street, Hackney, and the windscreen of a van belonging to a halal meat shop in Stoke Newington.

A spokesman for the ALF said: "They were part of our overall campaign of economic sabotage against the meat industry."

STORY: SYLVIA PLEASANT

East London Advertiser
(Tower Hamlets, Hackney)

April 21st: Bow, E London - lorries at Lewis ritual poultry slaughterhouse damaged (£3,000).

April 23rd: Kilburn, NW London - fish & poultry van damaged (paintstrippered, windscreens broken).
Tooting, SW London - 200 mice rescued from cruel experiments at St. Georges Hospital.

April 26th: Hammersmith, W London - car belonging to BFSS member paintstrippered (tyres punctured a few weeks later).
Castlecary, Nr Glasgow, Scotland - 12 chicks rescued from battery farm (due to be put in cages).

April 27th: Southampton - several windows broken of vivisection labs. at university.
Hammersmith, W London - another BFSS members car paintstrippered.
Manor Park, E London - windscreen of butchers van broken.

April 28th: Weston Sub Edge, Glos - £200,000 damage in arson attack at Wigfield & Pluck Ltd (make buildings for factory farms).
Norfolk - 2 Bernard Matthews turkey farms raided. 2 turkey chicks rescued & documents taken.

April 29th: Fulham, SW London - butchers van paintstrippered & windscreen smashed.

April 30th: Hammersmith, W London - meat van paintstrippered.

Late April: Ferndown, Dorset - a sheep rescued from slaughterhouse.



Sheep rescued from slaughterhouse (FMC meat wholesalers) in Wimbourne, Dorset. He had been used as a 'Judas' sheep to lead other sheep to the slaughter and was himself due to be killed. The owners of the abattoir claimed he was their pet and he was called Fido.

Other actions in April.

At least 140 butchers/meat shops damaged in Wembley, Edinburgh, London, Hastings, Southport, Poole, Southampton, Rochdale, Dagenham, Ilford, Bedford, Toddington, Dublin, Newport Pagnell, York, Peterborough, Leighton Buzzard, Harrow, Swindon, Richmond, Milton Keynes, Bletchley, Halifax, South Shields etc..etc..

Fur/leather shops damaged in Preston, Leeds, Edinburgh, Nottingham, Guildford, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Copenhagen.

Fishing tackle/gun shops damaged in London, Sheffield, Liverpool, Wolverton (Bucks).

Boots the Chemist stores damaged in London, Liverpool, Halifax, Leeds, Welwyn Garden City.

Burger bars damaged in London, Rugby, Coventry, Leeds.

Fishmongers damaged in London, Edinburgh, South Shields.

Shops displaying circus posters damaged in Kenilworth.

Kentucky Fried Chicken shops damaged in Burnt Oak (Middx) & Hackney.

Early May: Perth, Australia - night of action - 4 butchers shops sprayed with slogans & bricked, circus truck sprayed with slogans, fast food chicken store sprayed with slogans & bricked.
Margate, Kent - butchers van paintstrippered.

May 1st: Stafford Cross, Devon - East Devon Hunt Point-to-Point - marquees slashed £2,000 damage.

May 3rd: St. Helens, Merseyside - slogans sprayed on Beechams offices.
Tottenham, N London - 2 windows of firm making 'poultry appliances' (de-beakers etc.) smashed.

May 5th: Paris, France - slogans sprayed on wall of firm manufacturing slaughterhouse equipment.

May 6th: Liverpool - beagle & labrador rescued from university vivisection breeding unit.
Reigate, Surrey - car paintstrippered, front door daubed at home of Beechams executive.

May 7th: Coventry, W Midlands - car belonging to owner of butchers shop paintstrippered & daubed with slogans. His shop also daubed.
Richmond, Surrey - butchers meat trailer paintstrippered (again).
Fulham, SW London - car with BFSS sticker paintstrippered.
Exeter, Devon - windows smashed at area offices of Dewhurst butchers.

May 8th: Paris, France - attack on meat co. - locks glued, slogans sprayed on walls, 3 lorries damaged & another burnt.

May 10th: Bishops Stortford, Herts - anti-hunt slogans sprayed on walls of Register Office before marriage of local hunt joint master.

May 11th: Raglan, S Wales - cattle truck paintstrippered.
Leeds, W Yorks - at least £10,000 damage done to abattoir - 3 refrigerated lorries damaged, buildings damaged by fire.

May 12th: Preston, Lancs - 24 hens rescued from battery farm.
Ross-on-Wye, Herefords - water poured in fuel tank of articulated meat lorry.
Aintree, Merseyside - slogans sprayed at entrance to racecourse.

May 13th: Sheffield, S Yorks - £4,000 damage to 8 display windows, 5 locks glued at Rackhams store because they have fur dept.
Hertford Heath, Herts - voles freed from experimentation at college.
St. Lythans, Glamorgan, Wales - 800 dozen eggs smashed, slogans on buildings, 3 vehicles damaged at battery farm.

Group claim attack at battery hen farm

AN animal liberation group have claimed responsibility for causing thousands of pounds worth of damage at a South Wales farm early today.

South Wales Echo

A group calling themselves the Animal Liberation Front said they were responsible for smashing 800 dozen eggs and damaging equipment and buildings at Ravenswood Farm, St Lythans in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Detective Inspector John Ludlow, head of Barry CID, said a man with a Scottish accent had telephoned the offices of Western Mail and Echo Ltd, just after midnight saying they had carried out the attack.

Police would be carrying out a full investigation today.

The farm breeds battery hens and this appears to be the main reason for the attack.

Slogans

Mrs Maris Dupe, who owns the farm with her husband, said: "The place is in a hell of a mess. There are smashed eggs all over the place and much of the equipment has been damaged. We have not yet counted the cost, but it must run into thousands."

The group smashed 800 dozen eggs, kicked in the windscreen of a Land-Rover, destroyed the radiators on two lorries and daubed "A.L.F." slogans over the outbuildings.

Voles and rats taken in raid on college

Hertfordshire Mercury & County Press

A NUMBER of voles were set free and frozen rat corpses stolen when Animal Liberation Front protesters broke into Haileybury College, Hertford Heath, on Monday night.

The animals were taken from the biology laboratories after access had been gained by forcing a door.

In a call to the Mercury this week, a spokesman for the Front said the group was protesting against experimentation and the dissection of animals by both pupils and teachers at the college.

The animals, he said, had been "put into care."

A spokesman at Haileybury College confirmed the break-in on Tuesday. In addition to the theft of the animals, he said, the raiders had daubed walls and blackboards with the "ALF" sign.

Police are investigating the incident.

May 14th: Lyndhurst, Hants - vans belonging to game dealer paintstrippered.
Sheffield, S Yorks - Rackhams attacked again. 7 display windows broken.

Mid May: Ramsgate, Kent - cooked meats van painstrippered.
Garlinge, Nr. Margate, Kent - attack on dairy farm which also sells milk-fed pork. 3 milk floats, a tractor, a landrover & trailer damaged.

Perth, Australia - night of action - vivisectors home & car painted with slogans, butchers shop sprayed & glued, slogans sprayed on wall of battery farmers house.

May 17th: Kinson, Dorset - butchers van painted with slogans.
Bethnal Green, E London - red paint thrown over house of ritual poultry slaughterer.
Wellington, New Zealand - Boots the Chemist, 2 butchers shops sprayed with slogans by Animal Rights Front.

May 18th: Eaton Bray, Beds - bloodsports supporters car paintstrippered.
Nuremberg, W Germany - 1,000 hens rescued from battery farm.

May 19th: East Chinnock, Somerset - battery farm - water poured in diesel tank, grinding paste in radiator of lorry.
Misterton, Somerset - mixture of sand & oil poured in engine of tractor at battery farm.
Wigan, Gtr Manchester - mini-van belonging to man who lurches after wild animals paintstrippered & locks glued.
Great Linford, Bucks - loudspeaker equipment taken from hunt terrier show.
Walthamstow, E London - room damaged by fire at newly built cooked meats factory.
Hull - abattoir damaged by fire.

May 20th: Milton Keynes, Bucks - slogans painted on Open University because of animal experiments which take place there.
Wigan, Gtr Manchester - meat wholesalers van tyres punctured, cab paintstrippered, locks glued, slogans painted outside.
Totnes, Devon - £700 damage to 6 lorries at bacon factory.

May 22nd: Coventry, W Midlands - windows of 7 butchers shops smashed. Van belonging to local meat traders spokesperson paintstrippered.

May 26th: Wellington, New Zealand - slogans sprayed on Boots the chemist & premises belonging to Colgate-Palmolive & Ciba-Geigy.

May 28th: Hammersmith, W London - car belonging to BFSS member paintstrippered (again).

May 29th: Paris, France - 59 frogs & 8 quail rescued from vivisection lab., slogans sprayed, window smashed.
Liverpool - 3 young billy goats rescued - due to go for ritual slaughter.
Rugby, Warwicks - cattle truck sprayed with anti-meat slogans & cab splattered with paint.
Coventry, W Midlands - butchers van daubed with anti-meat slogans.

May 30th: Brook Green, W London - Rentokil pest control van (loaded with rat poison) paintstrippered.

May 31st: Leeds, W Yorks - 35 guinea pigs, 15 mice, 4 chickens, 3 rabbits rescued from Ministry of Agriculture research labs.

Also in May: Boston, Lincs - £10,000 damage when marquee used to roast ox for VE day celebration was later burnt down.
Coningsby, Lincs - 30 hens rescued from battery farm.
Waterford, Eire - 7 snares taken from woodland.

Other damage in May.

Butchers/meat shops (well over 60) in Leighton Buzzard, Stewkley (Bucks), London, Nottingham, Watford, Linslade (Beds), Dover, Aylesbury, Wing (Bucks), Fenny Stratford (Bucks), Eastbourne, Blandford (Dorset), Wolverton (Bucks), Dublin, Liverpool, St. Albans, Billericay, Abbots Langley (Herts), Apsley (Herts), Berkhamstead, Coventry, Sittingbourne, Birmingham etc.

Fur shops in Copenhagen, Bradford, Leicester, Dublin, Preston, Birmingham, Glasgow.

Angling shops in London, Hounslow, Sittingbourne.

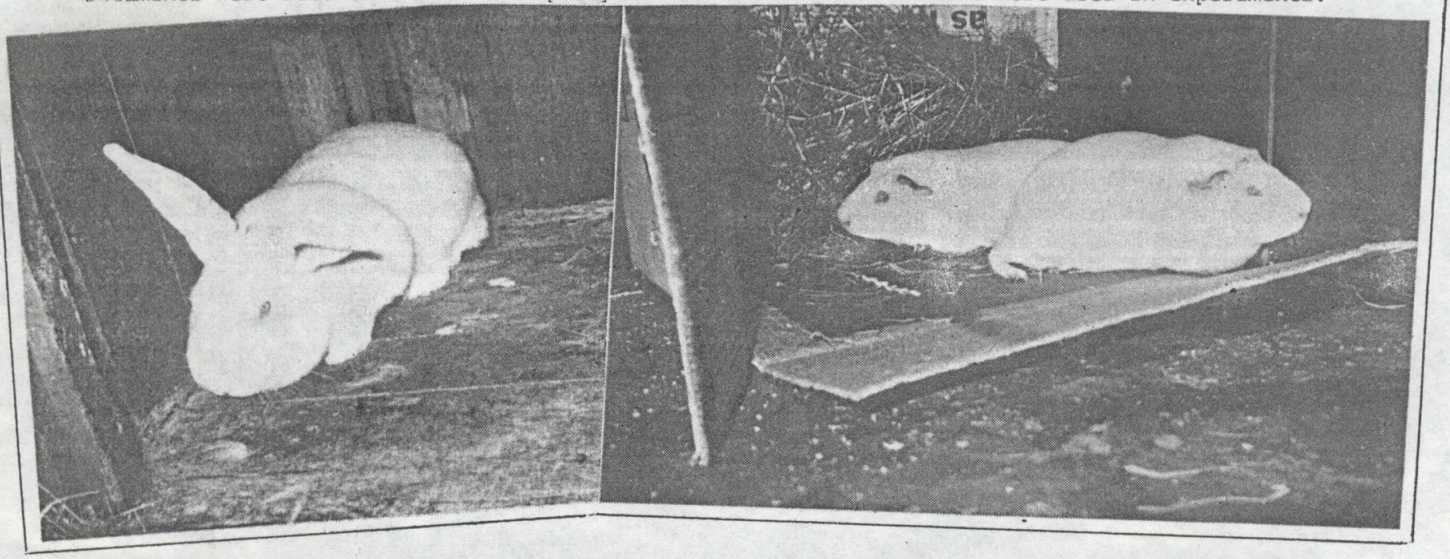
Fish shops in Wolverton, Leeds, Liverpool.

Boots in London, Wimbourne (Dorset), Glasgow.

Shops displaying circus posters in Manchester & Wolverton.

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3 of the animals rescued from MAFF research labs., Weetwood Lane, Leeds at the end of May.
57 animals taken in all - 35 guinea pigs, 15 mice (some pregnant), 4 chickens & 3 rabbits.
Documents were also taken. MAFF openly denied that 'their' animals were used in experiments.

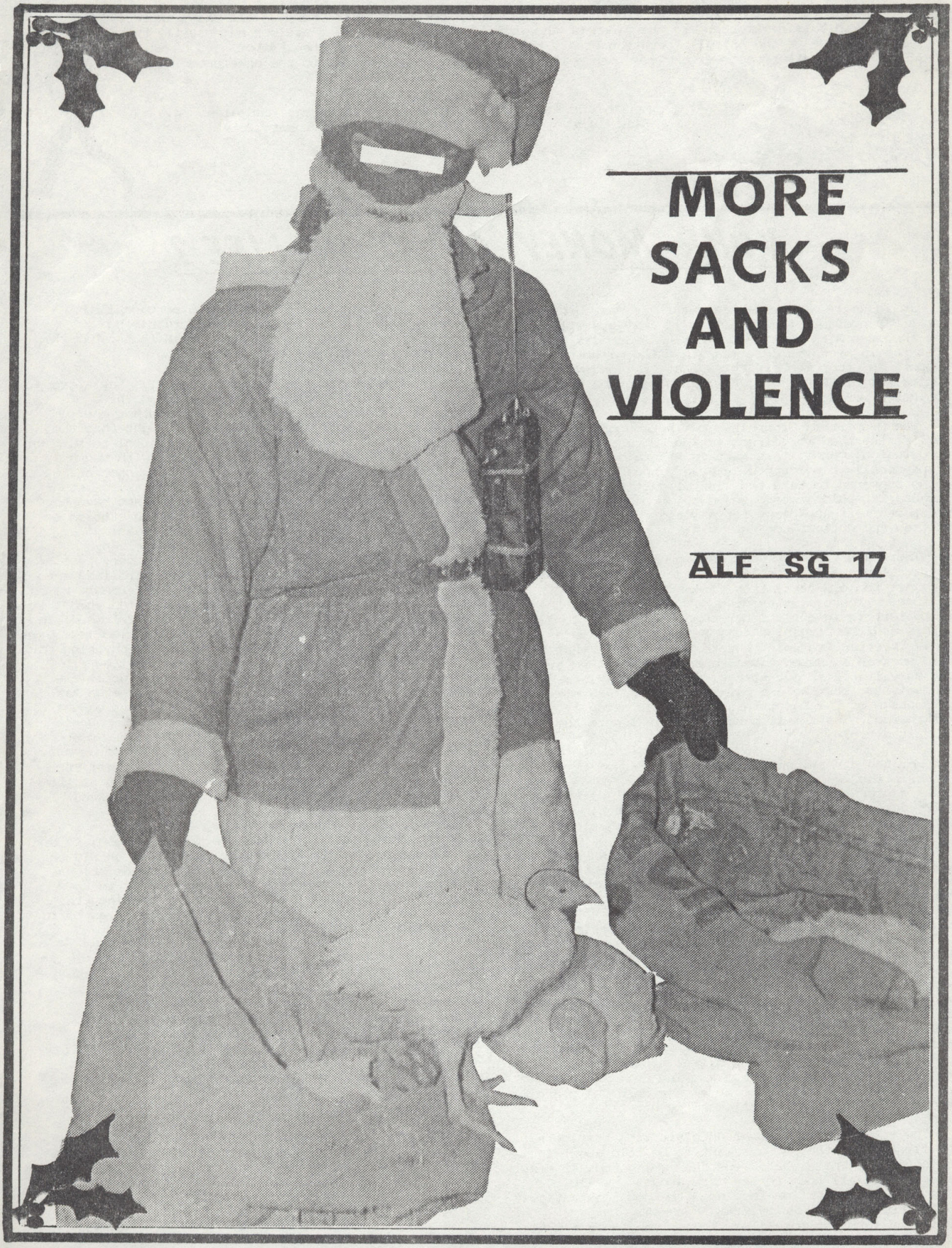


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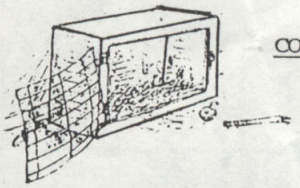
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MORE SACKS AND VIOLENCE

ALF SG 17

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COVER PHOTO - Merseyside ALFs 1984/85 'Cruelty at Christmas' campaign. Many turkeys, destined for the Christmas dinner table, were rescued by Santa. (Photo taken by ALF.)



YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE?

In issue 14 of the newsletter there was a request for ALF supporters to contact us if they are willing to get involved with setting up local ALF Support Groups. Does the lack of response mean that the majority of ALF Supporters Group members think that, by sending the equivalent of £2 a month, their contribution to the war against a world of animal suffering is enough?

The Supporters Group is a collection of people who realise the need for direct action but who, for a very good reason, cannot take part in ALF raids. Being old or physically handicapped is a very good reason. Not being prepared to take the risk of getting arrested because it would jeopardize your job promotion prospects/mortgage/plans for a world cruise is just a selfish and gutless cop-out.

There are those who express to us genuine frustration and even feelings of guilt that, because they are too old etc., they cannot take part in ALF actions. Instead, they give out our leaflets, they write letters in our defence/support to their local papers and they organise fund-raising jumble sales. It is important to point out to these people that their hard work in a 'supportive' capacity makes them every bit as valuable in our struggle as the activists themselves. But we are talking about only a small percentage of the Supporters Group that actually does work hard. That small percentage can ignore the rest of this article.

For the others, we are wondering if their subscription money is in fact 'conscience' money - a token gesture from people who 'sympathise' with what we're doing but, when it comes to the crunch, would rather spend their own time doing something else.

There are three very important reasons why the involvement of non-activists is vital. Firstly, if you don't help in a practical way you are actually responsible for reducing the amount of actions that can take place. Activists are prepared to break the law, damage property, rescue animals and risk imprisonment. If they have less time to spend looking at new targets, planning and carrying out raids, thats less actions and less animals saved than could otherwise be. An activist recently commented that if he had to spend a few weeks on trial he would certainly not appreciate his active colleagues turning up at court every day in some gesture of support. They can't help him by sitting in court, they're just wasting their valuable time. The activist said he'd feel happier in court seeing supporters present and knowing that the activists were not there because they were out planning the next raid, totally unaffected by his trial.

The second point is that when visiting prisoners, the first thing they always want to be told about is the action. Thats what keeps them going and, in many cases, thats all they really care about. While activists are in prison they need to know constantly that their active friends outside are smashing their way into yet more labs. etc. They do not want to know that the latest raid had to be cancelled because everyone was running round organising collections for the Defence Fund, when thats what the supporters should have been doing.

Thirdly, theres the security aspect. Say a group of four activists took part in a raid and three of those were caught and arrested and the other one managed to escape. One would have thought that the escaped person would have to be a total fool to turn up at the police station a few hours later with vegan food for the other three, pretending to be an innocent friend who had just heard about the arrests. Yet there have been actual cases where activists have been arrested when they have gone to the police station to enquire about their colleagues. 'Well-meaning' citizens who saw them running away have given descriptions to the police and then those very people who perfectly fit those descriptions go strolling into the police station where their fellow raiders are being held! Activists have actually been arrested when they've turned up at court to support their friends in the dock! Its just such damned unprofessional behaviour to say the least. Activists shouldn't do anything to draw attention to themselves. The authorities are bound to take an interest in whoever turns up at the courts and police stations. They probably even take photographs, particularly if they haven't yet caught everybody involved in the raids in question. Don't think that this is giving the police ideas. Some of them are not idiots and they know that some of us are. They know that theres a chance that the activist who escaped might just be stupid enough to turn up at the court case of those who didn't. It has happened.

Activists should never involve themselves in the work that non-activists should be doing because, to sum up, a) thats all time and energy spent that should be used for planning and carrying out more raids, b) the greatest morale booster for the prisoners is to know that their colleagues are doubling, not halving, the actions and c) activists are exposing themselves to an unnecessary security risk.

The back up support work for the ALF however is a very essential part of the campaign and this is the job of the Supporters Group. If the activists see that the welfare of their imprisoned friends is not being adequately catered for, if their supporters aren't there in court and at the police stations, if they don't see letters going into the local papers, if they don't see people leafletting and fund raising it is little wonder that they themselves feel forced to do these things.

If Supporters Group members want to see more ALF actions taking place, they must take the rest of the work off the activists backs and let them get on with it.

Secretary — SG

Third Time Unlucky For Mr. Tuck

Wednesday 17th July saw the third ALF raid on the premises of A. Tuck and Son in eighteen months. Mr. Trevor Tuck, the proprietor, breeds mice, rats and guinea-pigs for vivisection laboratories all over the country. The first raid left Tuck short of nearly two hundred guinea-pigs after ALF activists evaded patrolling security guards and broke into animal houses. The secondary target, the office block, had to be left for a later visit as it was a fortress - heavy shutters over the windows, a tough security door and alarms. We determined to come back better equipped to tackle it.

The second visit came eleven months later. Armed with sledgehammers and a fire-axe, as well as the usual crowbars etc., a determined attempt was made to break down the door. The look of horror on the face of the axe-wielding activist when the axe bounced off the door was a picture! After fifteen minutes hard work a hole was eventually made, but 4" by 4" re-inforcing beams were in place behind the door and the alarm was creating a lot of noise. After causing some damage to other buildings we retreated again.

On 17th July we tried again using a more sophisticated approach. Using a hand held brace with a ¾" bit we drilled a series of holes in the door, inserted a saw and cut a large section out of the door to gain entrance. The door was a new type, designed to soak up impact damage from axes and sledgehammers without breaking. After thirty minutes of work there was an audible sigh of relief when the cut section fell out and no alarms had gone off.

Once inside we located the important papers - account records for the last four years, VAT records, invoice books, order books etc. Piles of invoices were also taken, as well as purchase records, contracts with major labs. etc. Once these were safely packed we restructured the offices with our sledgehammers, destroying typewriters, calculators, fittings etc. About four of the animal houses were also entered and fittings, sinks, ventilation equipment, windows, doors, loos etc. were damaged, as well as the canteen and feed stores, where large quantities of animal feed and bedding etc. were destroyed. Despite the tremendous noise, we were undisturbed during our two hour stay as the premises are very isolated and the visiting security system is a joke. Eventually we re-packed our equipment and left for our vehicles, having caused about £10,000 of damage.

With the papers stored in a safe house we set about evaluating our haul. Using invoices, order books and desk diaries we were able to identify every customer of Tucks for the past four years. They include some famous names - Elli Lilley, Safepharm, Beechams, Wellcome etc. and many lesser known and unknown names - very useful now that the government refuses to publish a list of those premises holding vivisection licenses. This information is being circulated to groups throughout the country and should lead to a number of actions against new targets.

Animal Lib's £5,000 raid

ANIMAL liberation campaigners staged a night raid of theft and destruction at a Battlesbridge breeding farm.

The Animal Liberation Front has claimed responsibility for the raid which police said left damage estimated at between £5,000 and £6,000.

The campaigners also claim to have stolen documents, some of which contain details of firms supplied with animals by the breeding centre.

The raiders struck at the Beeches Road premises of A. Tuck and Sons Ltd in the early hours of Thursday morning. The firm breeds animals for laboratory research.

An ALF spokesman told the Chronicle: "The object was to do a lot of damage and to obtain documents and I understand that this was done.

"A lot of documents were taken and a lot of damage was done. I think the offices were damaged, some of the stores and the sterilisation area. It was extremely successful."

The spokesman said the raid was part of an escalating campaign, which has seen a number of break-ins at the Battlesbridge firm over the past few years.

"They facilitate the experiments so for people who are opposed to vivisection the sooner the place closes, the better," he added.

Essex Chronicle
Chelmsford

A MAN who said he was from the Animal Liberation Front today claimed responsibility for a raid in which a Battlesbridge breed-centre was badly damaged.

Now other centres could be at risk.

The man, who said all the firm's paperwork was taken in the raid on A. Tuck and Sons in Watery Lane, claimed: "We now know who they supply their animals to. We're going to pass all the names we found to other branches, so they will become targets."

But police say they are not alerting other breeding centres because they would already know they were targets.

The man said: "We intend to put the owner out of business."

This is the third time in about 18 months that Tucks have been ALF targets.

Evening Echo
Southend

We also obtained price lists, letter headings and blank invoices. These have been put to use with a series of fake letters to customers, informing them of the break-in and regretting that they will probably receive attention from ALF themselves. We hope that some of them will cancel orders with Tuck as a result. We have also used letter headings to order useful items for Mr. Tuck - five cubic yards of ready mixed cement etc. Duplicate invoices to his customers should also help to tie up their accounting systems and generate more cancelled orders. We also took the opportunity to cancel Mr. Tucks visiting security service - Chargecrest Limited - as they had proved to be so useless to him. His contract for linen supplies from Advance Laundries has also been cancelled and his leasing agreement for his new Mazda van ended. We have an endless supply of new ideas to keep Mr. Tuck entertained over the next few months.

Companies supplying him with sawdust, boxes, animal feed, hay etc. have had phone calls advising them that it will not be in their best interest to continue to supply to Mr. Tuck. They seem to have got the message. Inland Revenue and VAT have also been advised about some peculiar book-keeping discovered - their enquiries should keep Mr. Tuck tied up for a while. Mr. Tucks long-suffering insurance company, Guardian Royal Exchange, was also contacted and advised that he would continue to be a very bad risk - the penny seems to have dropped already.

Essex ALF

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT IN YOUR WILL.

Suitable wording would be:

"I bequeath unto the Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group of BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX the sum of _____ and I direct that the receipt of the treasurer or other authorised officer of the organisation shall be a good and sufficient discharge of such legacy."

THE FOLLOWING WAS DISTRIBUTED BY MERCK SHARP & DOHME TO ALL STAFF AT THEIR RESEARCH LABORATORIES IN HARLOW, ESSEX.

ANIMAL ACTIVISTS

Staff should be aware of the interest of animal activists directed toward this complex and the danger of an attack. The following is issued for your guidance and to indicate how you can help to prevent, or reduce the effect of any action these people might take:-

1. Any member of staff who is approached outside working hours by a member of the general public with an enquiry about the use of animals at Merck Sharp & Dohme Research Laboratories should be told that enquiries should be addressed to the Site Services Department, Merck Sharp & Dohme Research Laboratories, Terlings Park, Harlow, Essex. It is essential that the Security Co-ordinator and/or Site Services Manager be informed of any personal approach or incident that occurs off site.

2. Telephone calls: Never answer a telephone giving your full name or working area, eg. Fred Smith, Animal House. Answer by extension number only. If a telephone call about animals or work involving animals is received from a member of the public or from a person purporting to be a scientist, but who is not known to the recipient, no information should be given and no names of staff mentioned. The call should be referred back to the switchboard operator who has instructions on how to deal with such calls.

3. Letters: All letters received from the general public on the use of animals should be passed to the Site Services Manager. If a letter or parcel is received which appears suspicious due to its shape or postage markings, security must be notified immediately. No attempt should be made to open the letter or parcel.

4. Visitors: If you observe an unaccompanied or unknown person in any area, either wearing or not wearing a visitors pass, security must be notified immediately. If possible, the person should not be left unattended and information with regard to their movements throughout the site must be relayed to security. If non-Merck company representatives, outside contractors etc., inquire about the use of animals in research, security must be notified immediately.

5. Publicity: All approaches from the press or other media or persons purporting to represent the press should be referred to the Site Services Manager. On no account should a reporter or media representative be brought on site withour prior approval. In order to obtain approval, please refer to attachment 1.

6. Attack on premises: Staff should not use force unless to defend themselves or other staff members. Sufficient force for that purpose is fully justified.

7. In the event of an attack, the attached procedure (see attachment 11) will be carried out.

Attachment 1
PROPOSAL FOR HANDLING OF REQUESTS FOR SITE PHOTOGRAPHS AND ARTICLES.

1. All requests for photographs and permission to publish articles with regard to MSDRL at Terlings Park should be submitted to the Site Services Manager at Terlings Park.

2. The Site Services Manager will review the report and prepare the necessary paperwork for approval/ disapproval by the Director of Administration and Planning and the Executive Director.

3. After approval/disapproval is granted, the paperwork will be returned to the Site Services Manager who will submit it to the Public Relations Department, MSD Hoddesdon for a release decision from a public relations and legal point of view.

4. Public relations - MSD Hoddesdon will notify the Terlings Park Site Services Manager of the decision made, and when required, complete the final arrangements for release.

Attachment 11
ANIMAL ACTIVISTS ATTACK WARNING PROCEDURE

1. If an attack occurs or is thought imminent, an alarm will be given by sounding an interrupted signal on the fire alarm, by switching the alarm on and off alternatively (10 seconds on and 10 seconds off).

2. Staff safety. The prime concern of the company is the safety of staff. A secondary consideration being the prevention or reduction of damage to company property.

3. Action when alarm sounded. If time permits:- i) Secure external doors and security grilles (if fitted). ii) Close windows. iii) Lock away important papers etc. iv) Leave area locking doors behind you. v) Evacuate area and go to assembly point.

4. Assembly point. Restaurant.

5. Evacuation routes. i) Animal House. Leave via link to the laboratory area and then use blue corridor to make way to the Restaurant (assembly point) via main Reception. If for any reason the ground floor is obstructed, travel via laboratory and general administartion (first floor). ii) Laboratory Areas including Stores. Use blue corridor and make way to the Restaurant via the main reception area. If the ground floor is obstructed for any reason, travel via laboratory and general administration (first floor). iii) Energy Centre. Make your way to the Restaurant (assembly point) via grounds to rear of building. iv) Contract Staff. Make your way to the Restaurant by the safest and quickest route possible without taking action to effect adversely the security of the building. v) Visitors. It will be the responsibility of any staff member who has a visitor to ensure that person arrives at the Restaurant. vi) Laboratory and General Administration. Go to the Restaurant (assembly point) via first floor and stairway next to the Post Room. vii) Clinical Pharmacology. Proceed to the Restaurant via the corridor link between the Clinical Pharmacology and the Restaurant. viii) Action at Assembly Point. a) Fire marshalls to check list of persons present and to account for any absentees. Senior management to supervise and assist/direct as required. b) Staff to remain in the Restaurant unless police or senior management direct otherwise.

Ecclesfield Beagless

I was one of the 12 activists who helped in the liberation of 28 beagles from the Ecclesfield Hunt. The idea to rescue a pack of hunting hounds was one that had haunted activists for several years, but had always seemed like a totally impractical and daft notion. All this changed as a reconnaissance unit from Sheffield ALF visited the beagle kennel at Ecclesfield, originally with a view to causing a bit of damage. When they reported back with photographs and notes of feeding times etc. it became obvious that a snatch and grab raid to release all the beagles was possible, but only with a lot of planning.

The plan would involve precision timing and a good dose of courage. The first step would be to hide a vehicle in nearby woods, large enough to carry 40 hounds. Then the main body of activists would approach the kennels from another direction, summoning the vehicle by means of a CB radio. The activists would split into 2 groups of 3 and 5, the 5 scaling a wall at the back of the kennels. The other 3 would meet the vehicle at the front of the kennels. As the first group reached the front wall inside the kennels, one of the other group would pass a tea chest over the wall for one of the activists to stand on and a similar tea chest would be used on the outside. The activists inside would then pass beagles to the colleague on the tea chest, who would then pass them over the fence to the activists outside. Then the beagles would be put into the vehicle where another 2 would be waiting. This was to be the heart of the plan although there was much more to it than that (escape routes, finding homes etc. etc.). The major problem, apart from these, was that after the raid the vehicle would pass through Ecclesfield village with 4 activists and 40 beagles in the back. Even more worrying was that Ecclesfield Police Station was only 400 yards from the kennels.

Finally, the night for the raid arrived. The main body of activists approached the kennels through Ecclesfield churchyard - I was one of this group. It was very dark, with the clouds blotting out most of the moonlight. Somebody just in front of me took out a CB radio and switched it to the appropriate channel. He spoke quietly and slowly. "Come in transport"....There was a crackling sound, "GO..GO.." went the command. The reply came "ROGER". The raid was on.

I was one of the 5 activists who went to the rear of the kennels while the other 3 disappeared around the front. At exactly the same time the sound of the engine of the vehicle became louder. Suddenly, as I reached the top of the wall all hell was let loose as the hounds began to howl. It reached a deafening crescendo as I reached the bottom and landed in the centre of the hounds. I made my way to the far wall followed by other activists and saw a colleague on the outside removing barbed wire and netting. My heart was beginning to beat faster and I started sweating. Then, to my relief, a tea chest was passed over and I gratefully accepted it. I placed it on the floor and stood on it - it was perfect. My waist was now higher than the wall and I could see the activist outside and speak to him. I looked round and an activist was standing before me, offering a beagle. I grabbed, expecting it to be no heavier than a puppy. It was much heavier but I managed to pass it over the wall. As I turned again the first beagle was just reaching the vehicle. It was working like a dream. It took less than 5 minutes to clear the nearside pen of its beagles.

Meanwhile, the other activists were not being so successful with the other beagles in a separate pen. As I went to their aid I discovered that some of the older beagles were being unco-operative. Despite this we still managed to grab another 10 of them before time dictated that we got out. I felt relieved but saddened as I leapt over the wall and climbed into the waiting vehicle. I sat in the back among the 28 beagles. What a sight. It seemed nearer 50 than 28 dogs.

The worst was yet to come. The driver looked a little nervous as we drove down the lane and turned right into the village. We held our breaths as we passed down the road past the main police station. But 100 yards further our anxiety was replaced by euphoria and relief as we turned into a country lane.





LEFT - Ecclesfield Beagles on their way to a meet (Photo: Doncaster Star) and ABOVE - one of the Beagles in safe new hands (Photo: ALF).

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About 2 miles further on, in a secluded wood, we were met by 2 other vehicles and the beagles were transferred. I had no idea who the other people were as they were all wearing masks and had covered their vehicle number plates. Only one person among us knew their identities - a vital precaution. We shook hands with our unknown colleagues and they drove off in different directions. As planned, the original vehicle left five minutes later with just its driver and navigator and, half an hour later, another vehicle arrived to take us home.

During the raid my mind went back to an incident which occurred 2 years ago when I was among a group of hunt saboteurs at Ecclesfield Beagles. On this occasion we had not been successful and the huntsman emerged from the wood with the bloodied carcass of a murdered hare. I can still see the look of sadistic pleasure as he wiped his bloody hands on his gleaming white breeches. The look of blankness and death in the eyes of the hare is something that I will never forget.

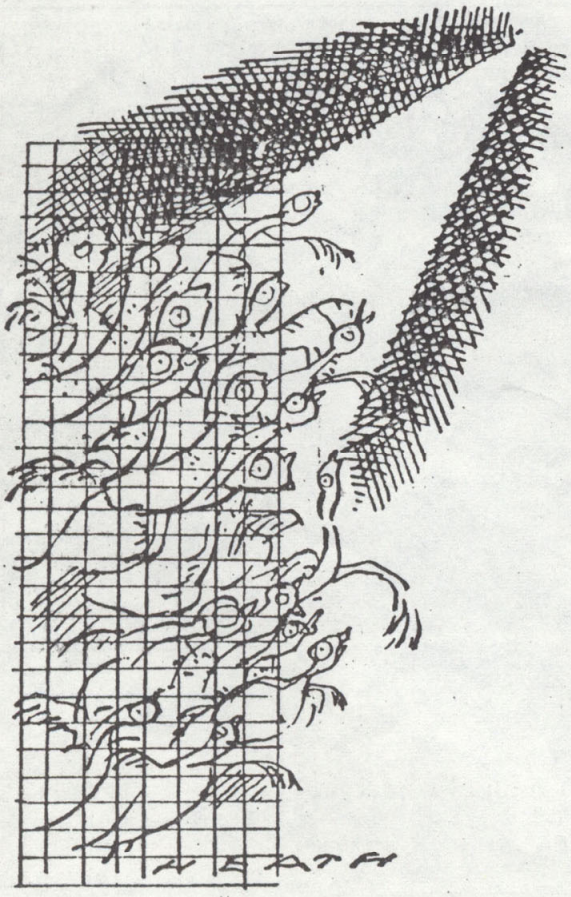
The hounds are adjusting very well to their new surroundings, making a nonsense of the hunts claims that they wouldn't survive. They will live a much fuller and richer life instead of being slaughtered when they are too old to hunt anymore. I have seen what happens when beagles get too old to hunt - their throats are slit and they are put into the 'fleshpot' and fed to the rest of the pack - when they are about 4 years old. These people seem to have a perverted bloodlust which doesn't stop with the mutilation of hares. Often hunts are the basis for illegal blood-sports such as cockfighting and dog fighting. If we have, as we hope, ended the Ecclesfield Hunt it will be the biggest blow ever to the bloodsports set.

Sheffield ALF

MORE SACKS

A NEW ALF CELL SUCCESSFULLY CARRIES OUT ITS FIRST RAID.

In the early hours of Friday 18th October a new ALF group carried out its first raid and its target was a battery unit containing hundreds of hens. In the weeks leading up to the raid the shed doors were checked for padlocks and, luckily, there was only one. We hoped that the door at the back of the shed opened from the inside, which would mean that we could work from there. It was risky, as the farmhouse and a guard dog were not more than twenty yards away from the front entrance but, when we were satisfied that everything had been checked through, we proceeded to buy the tools and start planning.



The group met a couple of times and the date was set. At midnight we set off for Keston, in Kent, and the van dropped us off at a footpath, which would eventually lead us to the farm. After a creepy fifteen minute walk through the pitch black woods we arrived at the path behind the battery sheds. We cut the fence in a couple of places, in case we needed to make a quick getaway. As we approached the sheds we could see lights on in the farmhouse opposite and the front room curtains were open! Some of the group stayed around the back to cut some more fences and the rest went round to the front. A sliding door had to be opened and it was really squeaky, but we managed not to make the dog bark. Next we removed the padlock from the inner door with a pair of hefty bolt croppers. Once inside we then closed both doors in case anyone had heard the noises. The hens were really quiet (they must have known the ALF had arrived). We switched on the torches and made our way to the back of the shed. There were hundreds of cages stacked five high in four rows, with two columns in each row. We slid the back door open, which was fastened only by a catch, and let the rest of the group in.

We had arranged with the driver of the van to give us forty minutes in all, from the time we were dropped off to the time the van would pick us up. We thought that we would have enough time to rescue at least thirty hens, but we found that the cages would not open and had to be cut in two different places with the bolt croppers. This took more time than we had planned, and also made a lot of noise, and the hens were less settled than before. All the time we were hoping that we wouldn't wake the dog, and so far we hadn't. After cutting some of the cages we put three hens in each sack and took them to the back door. String was used to fasten the sacks. The hens were in a very bad condition, with few feathers on their necks and wings. They had been debeaked and were unable to stand in the cages as they were too low. There were about five hens to each cage and it was a very depressing sight.

The van arrived at the given time and we had filled six sacks, containing eighteen hens in all. One of the group heard the dog at the farmhouse barking so we decided to leave. It was a very difficult thing to do, knowing that we were leaving behind those poor hens in that disgusting environment, but we decided it was best to take eighteen than to risk their liberty. The van drove off and the hens were taken to their new homes where they will be able to live a free and happy existence. We will continue to rescue animals and plans are being made for our next raid.

ALF

. . . AND VIOLENCE

We expected the news of the car bombing of Professor Walker and Sharat Gangolli, both of whom practise vivisection at Bibra laboratories in Carshalton, to be supressed by the police. It is the fourth time in six months that the system has shown itself for what it truly is, anti freedom of information.

But the police, government and animal abusers know the truth behind the poisoning of eggs on a Biggin Hill farm, they know the truth behind the petrol bombing of Professor Conning and Gangollis homes. They also know the truth behind the recent car bombings and they know opposition to their injustice and oppression is spreading.

The Animal Rights Militia are not irresponsible lunatics or madmen as has been implied by statements made by the BUAV - we at the moment attack property, not people. But let me make it clear, we do not shy away from violence against individual animal abusers for, even if a vivisector were to die, it would be just a tiny fraction of the blood and terror on which animal abuse industries are based.

We have sat quietly by, demonstrating and leafletting etc. while the animals have suffered the violence. How many animals will it take to die before people are moved into action which is away from the channels provided to us by the authorities.

Lately we have started seeing through another kind of con. There are certain people who claim to represent the animals, such as certain MPs, The BUAV and League Against Some Cruel Sports - all of whom presume to act on the animals behalf, but all these people have one thing in common - they always sell out. For they are afraid of changing the structure of society, which is necessary if animal liberation is to be realised. They preach towards keeping the peace, but we are tired of keeping the peace, our role is to deepen the animal rights issue. But this will not be achieved by concentrating on any particular issue or by using watery socialist ideologies.

For animal liberation must be part of a wide spectrum of revolutionary change in the structure of society, for British democracy is based on more blood, terror and exploitation than any other country in history. It has a brutal police force whose crimes against people and animals the media will not report and whose government blatantly supports repressive systems of governments around the world.

But the Animal Rights Militia has started to fight back and the war for human and animal freedom will be won by the grass roots of society, and that is the ordinary men and women who have been misled for so long. That is why it is our policy never to endanger the lives of ordinary members of the public, and for them never to fear us - we do not want to become another IRA, where the mere mention of the word strikes terror into peoples hearts.

What we plan to do is attack the real animal abusers, the vivisectors, huntsmen and slaughter-house owners.

After our first petrol bombing we became scared, like children in an unknown environment, we got frightened but we soon realised that our panic was minute compared to the sheer terror of the abused animal. And then it flashed we were unbeatable, for we were everybody in the animal rights movement who really cares about animals.

They could not defeat us by jailing us for, where two or more concerned people band together and use organised violence to attack all forms of abuse, there is the Animal Rights Militia.

Our power is in the two petrol bombings, the poisoning of eggs on farms, rather than supermarket shelves, and the car bombings, all of which are answers to animal abuse.

Many brothers and sisters we do not know have been arrested, intimidated and framed. The Curtins, Helsbys, Horburys and Wickham 19 are all innocent and, like the animals, are victims of a corrupt society which makes it illegal to care what happens to others. But one thing you can be sure of, every day our comrades and fellow animals stay behind bars their torment will be avenged, even if this means some of the filth will lose their lives.

Revolution.

Communique 2,

Animal Rights Militia

Sunday 1st September.
Site office portacabin belonging to Shepherd Construction gutted by fire at the site of the new Psychology labs. on the university campus. Three shelves of files went up in the blaze. Activists cut through metal gridding and then smashed a window to gain access to the office which was then doused with petrol and set alight (beware of flashback/ explosion, so set it alight from a distance). Shepherd are the bastards responsible for the building of the four storey psychology department.

Leeds ALF

At 4am, Sunday 13th October the Northallerton ALF sawed through the jumps at Hollin Hall where the York & Ainsty North Hunter trials were due to be held later that day. It took 4 men from the hunt 3 hours to replace the jumps. This action was taken as a protest against the Master, Major Bailey, throwing a live fox cub to the hounds. Further action will be taken against this vile sadistic scumbag.

Northallerton ALF

I am writing to inform you of the fairly recent formation of an active cell in Southampton. We started our 'campaign' in earnest in April this year and haven't looked back since. We've enclosed a list of what we've done to date (included in Diary). We are only a small unit, we are still gaining experience and we are very short of money. Luckily we are gradually overcoming all three. Anyway, thanks to all ALF units for inspiration and love and kisses to you all. FIGHT THOSE ******$

Southampton ALF

Letters

I find myself writing this reply wondering whether Hilly Beavan actually misunderstood my article in issue 15 of the SG newsletter (Time for Change) or whether she chose to misrepresent it - either way she got things wrong throughout.

I see in the first part of her article that Hilly lists the benefits to the movement of the national organizations: They publish literature, they organize demos., they are central for the press to ring and then the big one folks! they print lists of activists in trouble in defence funds - which basically means that they are prepared to beg the movement for money for activists because one things for sure, they aren't going to give them any.

Activists remember, the nationals want reports of your newsworthy actions, any photos, the odd video and some internal laboratory documents wouldn't be sneezed at either - but if you go and get yourself arrested, don't go running to them because they are too busy opening the latest package from the next suckers.

But back to this impressive list; doesn't it make your pulse race when you read it? And all this for only a few hundreds of thousands of pounds every year. My article questioned the present system which allows a few campaigners to hold the purse strings of the movement - and whilst I fully appreciate that finances cannot be handed out willy-nilly, I don't see why the small local groups, the backbone of the movement, have to go cap-in-hand to the nationals to ask for part of the funds they helped to create in the first place.

Also, I believe that seeing as the activists take all the very real risks as part of their work the movement should - has a duty to - fully support them, make what they do as easy as possible for them. If the support work of direct action was done by others maybe activists would be freer to organise actions more efficiently. Those who complain that the ALF liberate too few animals should realise that this is the most difficult aspect of campaigning and they should help by organising and finding safe animal homes and holding units. It frankly amazes me that by far the most difficult and dangerous campaigning is left to run on a shoe-string basis. I share the views of the activist who wrote in the last SG about the view that all types of campaigning are of equal importance: Clearly the most effective campaigns are the most important but even if people did take the other view, is it not reasonable to ask that every type of campaign be equally well funded?

Give a million pounds to direct action campaigning and a million to political campaigning and compare the benefits to animals, long and short term. Hilly Beavan says that actions are more important than money - I say that one without the other is useless. The more finances the activists have at their disposal, the more capable they are of better planned and more frequent actions. Furthermore, if direct action groups were not broke they could really set about the industries that ruthlessly exploit animals: indeed, those who abuse animals are already severely affected by what the ALF is doing to their respective trades - just consider how many could be finished off if they were being hit ten times harder and thirty times more often!

There are still so many people who are relatively unaware of the terrible plight of animals - we must show them the truth again and again and direct action and local campaigning are undoubtedly recognised as our finest weapons in this fight. I must say again that, to be good, these aspects of campaigning have to be well financed. The walls of laboratories and factory farms are not made of glass - the idea is to stop the public from seeing inside - we must punch holes through the walls of animal abuse and lead the public in.

Hilly Beavans advice is that if you don't like what you see, do your own thing - I've already explained in my first article how 'doing your own thing' benefits the national groups. And this idea certainly wasn't in the minds of the people who launched the radicalisation of the BUAV. One of the main reasons why the BUAV was such a temptation then was that they were sitting on many thousands of pounds while animals were suffering. And what was the effect of the BUAVs radicalisation?: the creation of a massive spark throughout the entire animal rights movement; the most intense, exciting campaigning for animals ever seen - and why? - because those with radical views found themselves in a financial position to campaign as they wanted.

I remember simple things like the production of the 'Animals don't...' leaflets - perhaps it doesn't seem much now but they were the first animal rights (not welfare) literature available to the public. Other things followed - 'Liberate Laboratory Animals', 'Every Six Seconds..', a massive fly-posting campaign, the first large scale animal rights demos. and then the BUAVs finest hour - Porton Down - then the BUAV were really leading the movement, not a credible claim now. All this coincided with the NALLs Babraham raid and the foundation of daylight raids, the Hunt Saboteurs were riding on the crest of this 'new wave', the Animals Film was soon to be launched and the ALF were growing from strength to strength.

Sadly that spark has now died, the BUAV are desperately trying to moderate while continuing to pay lip service to direct action through their pseudo support for the SEALL - Hilly Beavan says that the SEALL couldn't have afforded the Royal College of Surgeons court case - of course they couldn't, how could they when the BUAV have got all their money?

I believe time has progressed and the national groups have now outgrown their use to the movement - if the huge finances they hold were distributed throughout the country the second intense animal rights campaigning wave could be sparked. All those who are in local groups, just consider your recent campaigns - just think about the campaigning potential in your area if you weren't scraping around to pay the phone bill. There are thousands of animal abuse centres in the country, there are tens of thousands of campaigners - let's give them the tools to smash animal exploitation. Let us provide all that is missing - real support for direct action, payment of fines, campaigning finances, typewriters, printing machines - whatever is needed, the movement has the money, let's put it to use. You can't campaign against multi-national companies without the necessary campaigning facilities.

Who has the right to sit on thousands of pounds when currently groups are begging for money because they can't even afford a vehicle to go out sabbing in? The present situation is even worse for the ALF - each group of activists should have many vehicles for their activities, enough good CBs, all the tools they need, animal holding units, homes for animals and the knowledge that if they get nicked the movement will do more than stick their names in defence funds.

The most effective campaigning should be concentrated upon: Come on political campaigners, be honest, can you really see parliament, the bastion of vested interests, legislating to help animals? Most MPs don't give a damn about people, let alone animals. Let's put our hands on our hearts and sort out the useless campaigning from the good. If people want to write letters to MPs, fine, but that's as far as it should go - let's concentrate on public education, direct action and local campaigns.

Maybe in the future political campaigning will be productive but that time is way off yet - politicians are followers, not leaders, animal abuse will have to be much weaker and politicians much less connected with animal exploitation before we can influence parliament. This is certainly true in the case of both factory farming and animal experimentation, where we haven't got one single cuddly seal to point to. At present we are asking for too much, we are treading on too many political toes. Give the MPs a miss until the majority of the population is boycotting the meat industry, until direct action makes vivisection impossible and then they'll legislate.

Roger Yates

Dear Friends,

I have just read of the case of Andrew Taylor. I don't need to explain my feelings regarding this monster. Having a standing order at the bank to help you in your activities you'll know just how I feel.

I would, however, like to make a further contribution to your funds.

I promise to pay £1 for every airgun pellet that is pumped into this horrible man and, to anyone who is successful in giving this person a thorough beating up resulting in his being admitted to hospital, I will pay the sum of £100. The courts offer no deterrent to these people, we must produce one.

I am 62 years of age and suffer a heart condition, otherwise I would do it myself.

SG number supplied.

Editors note: For the benefit of anyone who missed it, Taylor is the person who pumped 173 airgun pellets into a pregnant pony - 15 pellets in one eye, 17 in the other and 141 more in her face and body. He lives at Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear and was sentenced to 6 months.

Dear ALF,

It is very strange that Hilly Beavan (SG 16) should decry the importance of money for the work of animal liberation. Money is obviously very important to her as a graphic designer for the BUAV. Her firm was paid £57,183.07p during the year from April 1st 1984 to March 31st 1985. This large sum does NOT include money paid to her firm by MOBILISATION, which could be equally high. Mobilisation, in my experience, appear to be very coy about publishing financial accounts.

Money is also important for the RESCUED ANIMAL SANCTUARY FUND. The BUAV received a legacy in excess of £11,000 specifically for ANIMAL SANCTUARIES. As Hilly Beavan was so active in removing those members from the BUAV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE who wanted to see that legacy go to the RESCUED ANIMAL SANCTUARY FUND, perhaps she could let the ALF SG know if her associates now in charge of the BUAV finances used the legacy as it should have been used.

ALF SG member no. **927**

Please address letters which are intended for publication to 'Letters Page', BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX.

We have received a letter from a '1865'. As far as we're concerned we don't have a member of that number. Would the writer please identify his/herself if the letter is to be considered for publication?



"By all means, let us destroy fascism, but let the same destructive flame consume all ideologies, and all their lackeys to boot".

Raoul Vaneigem
(The Revolution of Everyday Life)

"LET THE SAME FLAME..."

NO Ayatollah NO Ideology
NO Shah NO Religion
NO President NO God
NO Nationalism NO State
NO Militarism NO Leaders
NO FOLLOWERS



Destroy That Which Destroys You

There has been a great deal of fuss made recently in the animal rights movement concerning the involvement and activities of those of an alledgedly extreme right wing political persuasion. This concern has been evidenced by anti-racist motions at this years BUAV and HSA AGMs, by an article in a recent issue of the Direct Action Animal Bulletin and in communications from the Eastern Animal Liberation League.

There is no doubt that there are a few people involved in the animal rights movement who have extreme right wing views on many topics. These people can be divided into two categories - those who couldn't care less about the animals and are using the movement for their own political ends and those who genuinely care about the animals but have extremely repressive and inconsistent views on other matters.

The treatment of those in the first category poses no problem. They should, of course, be immediately ejected from the movement and prevented from any involvement in it. Difficulties arise when we consider how to deal with those in the second category which, in my view, is by far the larger of the two. It is my opinion that such people should not be thrown out of the movement but that efforts should be made to point out to them the gross inconsistencies of their views on other matters. To advocate that we have nothing to do with such people, in my view, is a serious mistake because it not only deprives the animals of some of their defenders but leads logically to a nonsensical situation.

If we decide that it is right to exclude from the movement people who genuinely care about the animals but with whom we disagree on other issues then we would have to concede that anti-abortionists had the right to throw out pro-abortionists, those of a religious persuasion had the right to exclude atheists, those who believed in marriage to get rid of those who didn't and vice versa. As none of us have exactly the same views on all issues there would, in the end, be only two people left in the movement and one of those would then throw out the other!

The whole issue of 'fascism' and 'racism' in the movement is, however, something of a red herring. (And I say red quite pointedly because it seems to be in the nature of socialists to scream very loudly about these issues while ignoring other equally important concerns.) It is absolutely correct and very necessary to deplore 'fascist' views but the main obstacle in our movement to the obtaining of true animal liberation comes not from the Right but from the Left of the political spectrum.

Fascism and racism may well be the most deplorable of all the ideologies that infect various members of our movement but, being so obviously out of order, they infect very, very few. Far more 'acceptable', far more widespread and therefore far more dangerous and damaging is Labour Party 'socialism'. It is dangerous because it suggests that animal liberation can be achieved through Parliament and it has caused great damage by diverting scarce resources away from direct action and down the 'road to nowhere' of political campaigning. It is interesting that it has been, by and large, the Labour Party supporters who have made the greatest fuss over the few 'fascists' and 'racists' in the movement.

There is no way that animal or human liberation can be achieved through Parliament. The policies of the major political parties are all so far away from the creation of a truly decent society that the differences between them blur into insignificance. Every election we see the same old con-trick, 'Vote Labour to keep the Tories out'. Vote to be strangled to save yourself from being shot. No thanks, I prefer to live.

True freedom for all the Earths creatures demands a decentralized non-hierarchical society with much lower levels of technology and a massive cut in the human population - as well as the ending of the more obvious abuses such as vivisection, factory farming etc. The major political parties are light years away from any of this. To support any of them (including the centralized, authoritarian, economic growth demanding bureaucrats of the Labour Party) is a waste of time, resources and energy.

It is time for us to destroy the old world and to build the new in the only way possible - by our own direct action. It is time to dispense with all politicians, be they of the right or of the left. We don't need them, we can do it ourselves. And, as for campaigning against racism - without doubt a praiseworthy thing to do, but it must never be forgotten that, in our present society, such campaigns are equivalent to demanding that blacks and whites should inhabit the same size cells. The real solution is to break the human species, and the animals, out of the prison.

Captain Kirk

A new group has been set up called "Rats". Their leaflet says "The group consists of anarchists only and will not entertain time wasters or those not totally dedicated to the cause. Half the money raised will be sent to the ALF Supporters Group and the other half will go towards the running of Rats to produce leaflets and posters. Those interested in joining write to Rats c/o 121 Railton Rd., Brixton, London, SE24".

The July/August issue of 'The Dentist' magazine reports that "threats to poison the products of some famous sweet manufacturers has prompted the confectionery industry to withdraw dental research grants".
This undoubtedly means that thousands of animals have been saved from suffering because of the Mars Bars hoax.

BLAZING SADDLES

When we set fire to the ex-battery chicken sheds in Borden, Kent in June (see last SG - page 5) the local press reported £20,000 damage. The action was taken because pens were being built for intensively farmed pigs in one of the sheds. The press also reported that we'd made a terrible mistake ie. that the buildings weren't to be used for animals at all. One paper explained that the farm owner, Mr. Baker, was intending to use his former battery chicken premises as a farm museum. Another paper claimed that actually it was just going to be used to store tack and saddlery. Meanwhile the local police were pretty adamant that the actual intended future use for the sheds was as a wood store.

They obviously couldn't agree on which lie they were going to believe. Anyway, we'd already decided what the best use for the buildings was - a practice ground for ALF arson attacks. A few months later we returned with the same quantity of white spirit, fire lighters and inflammable material as on the previous occasion.

The third shed along was still completely gutted from the time before, the second shed was still damaged but not completely ruined - we decided that we'd finish that one off. But it was the first shed along that was our main concern. This was the building that had the newly built pens for animals. Although it had been completely burnt down it had, by this time, been re-built again so it was obvious that he was keen to get this new venture off the ground as soon as possible. In fact he'd actually progressed by that time because feeding troughs were already being installed.

We set fire to this and the second building, more or less using the same method as the time before.

The next morning we phoned the local press for that area and explained that if Baker ever used his farm for animals again we'd guarantee that he'd regret it. "Oh, no" said the nice lady on the Newsdesk, "he's not using it for animals - we went there and he showed us his miniature railway - he's setting up a model railway exhibition." What with the farm museum and all that wood and saddlery being stored we wondered where he'd have room for a model railway.

We don't come from that area - we're one of those groups who prefers to travel to other areas to carry out actions, for obvious security reasons. However, we heard through the grapevine some time afterwards that the homes of two local animal rights campaigners were visited by the local CID very shortly after the second attack. The CID explained that it was in connection with an arson attack on a nearby PIG farm. So I think we're all agreed now on what he intends to use the place for.

Burnadette

We set poultry sheds on fire say animal activists

Animal Liberation Front activists have claimed responsibility for a fire at empty poultry sheds at Wents Farm, Pond Lane, Borden.

This is the group's second attack at the farm in the past four months.

A young woman, claiming to be a member of the A.L.F., telephoned the East Kent Gazette office at lunchtime on Wednesday to claim responsibility for the blaze.

She said: "We have the farm under constant surveillance. If the farmer ever brings animals onto the premises he will live to regret it."

She said members started the fire because, according to their sources, the farm was to be used for factory animals, a claim denied by the farmer.

Faversham Times & Gazette

Rabbits Rescued

ON SEPTEMBER 13TH BOURNEMOUTH ALF RESCUED THIRTY-RABBITS FROM TALBOT COMBINED SCHOOL IN POOLE, WHERE THEY WERE BEING KEPT IN APPALLING CONDITIONS.

For a considerable period of time we have monitored the animals being kept at Talbot Combined School, Wallisdown. In particular we have been concerned with the rabbits - anything up to thirty have been confined in small, squalid, broken down, unhygienic hutches without the ability to exercise outdoors and fulfil their natural instincts to run, burrow and graze and often even deprived of sufficient headroom to stand on their hind legs and stretch.

Further, no real thought seems to have been given to their dietary needs, pellet food being the order of the day, fresh food being marked by its absence and a lack of water bottles fitted to the hutches; this situation has been worse during school holidays when the feeding has been even more inadequate and haphazard.

Our initial concern was raised following complaints received from pupils themselves and during the period that we have taken an interest in these animals we have been aware of an apparent total disregard for their physiological and psychological needs. Their removal was not undertaken lightly, though we were not prepared to see this continued suffering, but was precipitated by the plight of one particular rabbit.

This rabbit was suffering from Middle Ear Disease, an infection which, if treated at an early stage, can almost certainly be cured - this rabbit had been left untreated for at least two weeks. Upon removal the creature was clearly in a state of pain and distress with its neck contorted and its head permanently held on one side - typical symptoms of this disease. It was barely able to stand and was also suffering from advanced and untreated disease of one eye - professional veterinary advice was that the animal should be put to sleep immediately.

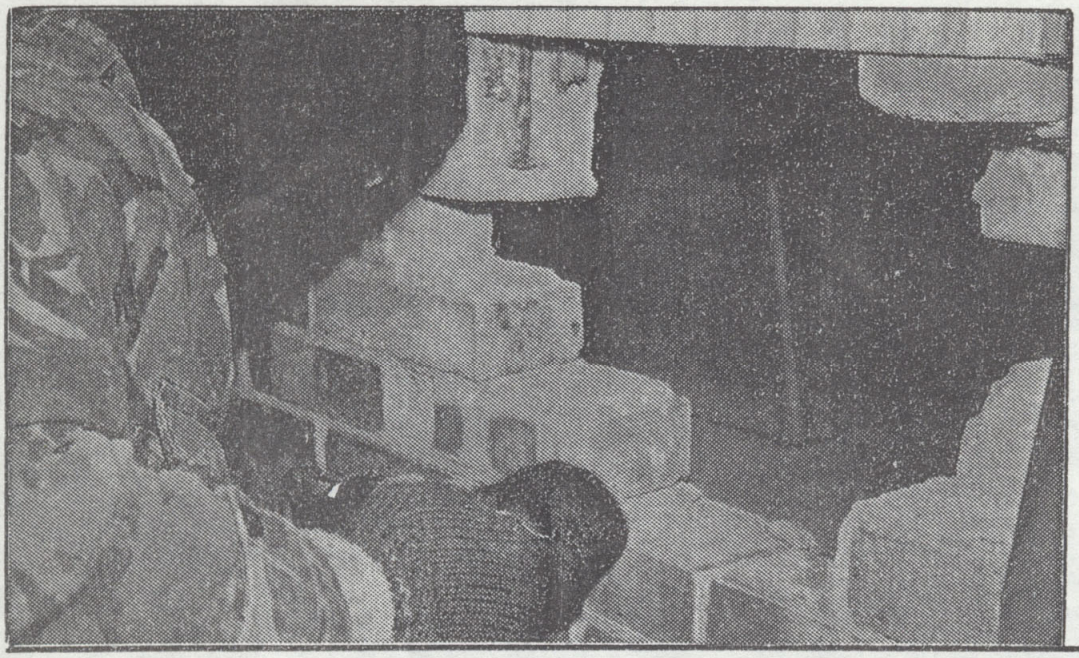
Other appalling examples of neglect included one rabbit with a large and untreated abscess, two rabbits with large parts of their ears missing and others with bald and sore patches on their bodies and heads.

In addition to the totally unacceptable conditions in which the rabbits were being kept we have also noticed goats tethered all day out of reach of water, a goat with unattended sores beneath its collar and a pony lame for some time without veterinary attention. All of these animals are housed in dilapidated and inadequate accomodation.

We are aware that schools will continue to keep animals, but if they are going to do so then they have a duty, both to the children and to the animals, to ensure that the welfare of these 'pets' is paramount at all times. The factory farm conditions under which the rabbits were kept can only serve to create within the children the attitude, so prevalent in society, that animals are ours to treat with complete disre gard. Worse, it is quite clear that the school has operated a policy of allowing the rabbits to breed with a view to the litters then being sold - further promoting the idea that the animals are items of school equipment rather than sentient creatures with their own needs if they are not to suffer.

Clearly the temptation for the media will be to once again label this as fanaticism, to suggest that we have 'stolen' childrens pets - the truth is very different.

Bournemouth ALF



ANIMAL LAB RAID

The Animal Liberation Front yesterday claimed responsibility for the theft of rabbits, guinea pigs and research files from Brocades (Great Britain) Limited in a raid on its laboratories at Braintree, Essex.

Daily Telegraph

LEFT - Breaking into Brocades. The activists found bricks in the wall which were coming loose. They levered out one of these bricks with a crowbar and were then able to lever out others until a hole was made large enough to get into the building.

Photos by ALF.

ANIMAL rights activists raided the Gist-Brocades laboratory in London Road, Braintree, stealing animals and smashing equipment.

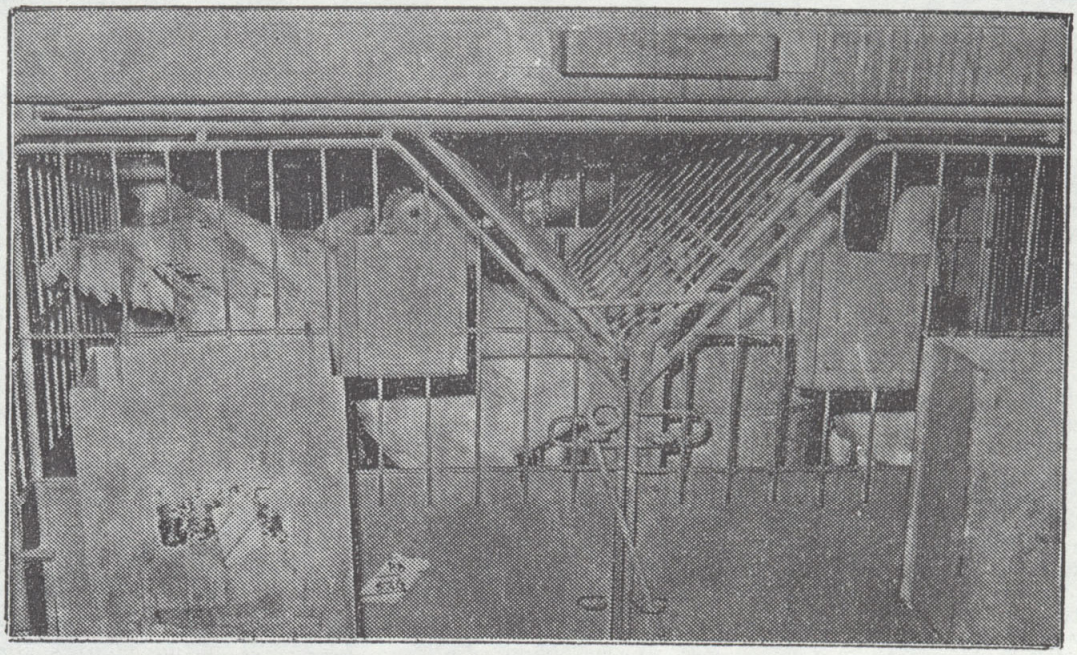
Animal Liberation Front slogans were sprayed on equipment.

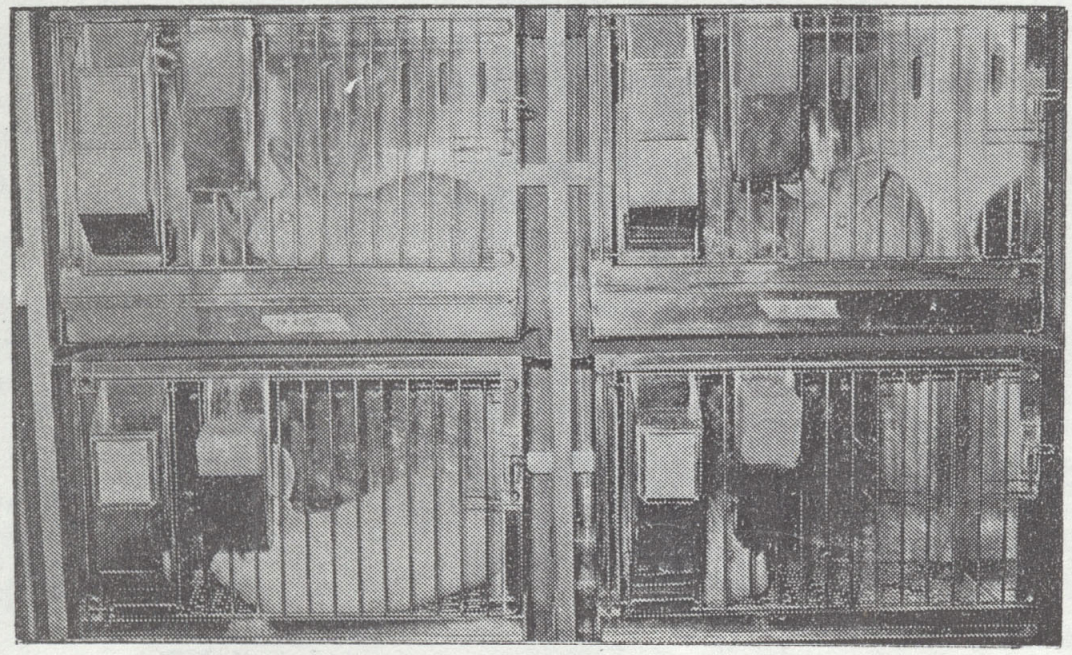
And a caller to the Press Association claiming to represent the ALF threatened: "The ALF will continue to step up action against this company until their operation base is destroyed or they cease to trade."

They set off an alarm as they broke into the office, but stole documents before making their getaway.

The spokesman said the ALF's threat to destroy the laboratory was being taken seriously by the company, and it would be improving security.

Braintree & Witham Times





ABOVE & LEFT - The animals inside this first building were chickens and rabbits.

AN animal rights group today praised the people who broke into a Braintree laboratory and stole animals.

Members of the Animal Liberation Front smashed their way into the Brocades laboratory at Cut Hedge Farm, London Road, through two brick walls yesterday.

Bernard Chapman, of the Braintree Animal Rights Group, praised activists who "risk their liberty to free animals."

He said: "The only way out for those animals is up the chimney in smoke, or by the ALF."

The liberation front yesterday threatened to destroy the Brocades laboratory.

The threat is being taken seriously by the company.

Evening Gazette
Colchester

RESCUE DRILL

ON 16TH NOVEMBER ALF ACTIVISTS RESCUED OVER A HUNDRED ANIMALS FROM THE BROCADES VIVISECTION LABORATORY AT BRAINTREE IN ESSEX.

Animal rights group raids Braintree lab

THE Animal Liberation Front has raided the Mycofarm Brocades laboratory in Braintree, releasing animals and wrecking equipment.

The laboratory, at Cut Hedge Farm, was broken into late on Thursday night and the raiders broke into offices and animal sheds.

In the past Brocades has said it uses the premises to produce vaccines for treating animals, but yesterday a spokeswoman at the firm's Braintree offices would only say, "Police have our statements. Brocades have no further comment to make."

Among the damage the letters "ALF" — initials of the Animal Liberation Front — were sprayed on an incubator.

Last night, a spokesman for the ALF confirmed that 16 members of the organisation had taken part in the raid.

Documents were also taken, he said, and "initial indications are that information in them can be used in further actions to embarrass the company.

"Also photographic evidence of conditons was obtained to be used in the same way," said the spokesman.

The raid, he said, was part of a 'broad based campaign. The end result will hopefully be that they won't use animals in research.

"We're not against research, but we are against the use of animals."

Both "legal and illegal means" would be used in the campaign, he warned.

EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES



Slogans were sprayed on walls and this (ABOVE) was sprayed on the incubator.

THE Mirror

Rabies lab animals freed by raiders

ANIMAL Liberation raiders have attacked the only British laboratory which makes vaccine against the killer disease rabies.

Members of the Animal Liberation Front said yesterday they smashed open cages and freed guinea pigs, rabbits and chickens. They claimed they had taken 100 animals from Cut Edge Farm in Braintree, Essex.

The firm which owns the laboratory, Eurocades GB Ltd, has a contract to supply the Government with anti-rabies serum.

Braintree lab raid by ALF

THE Animal Liberation Front is threatening to destroy a laboratory which it raided early today, releasing hens, rabbits, guineapigs and mice.

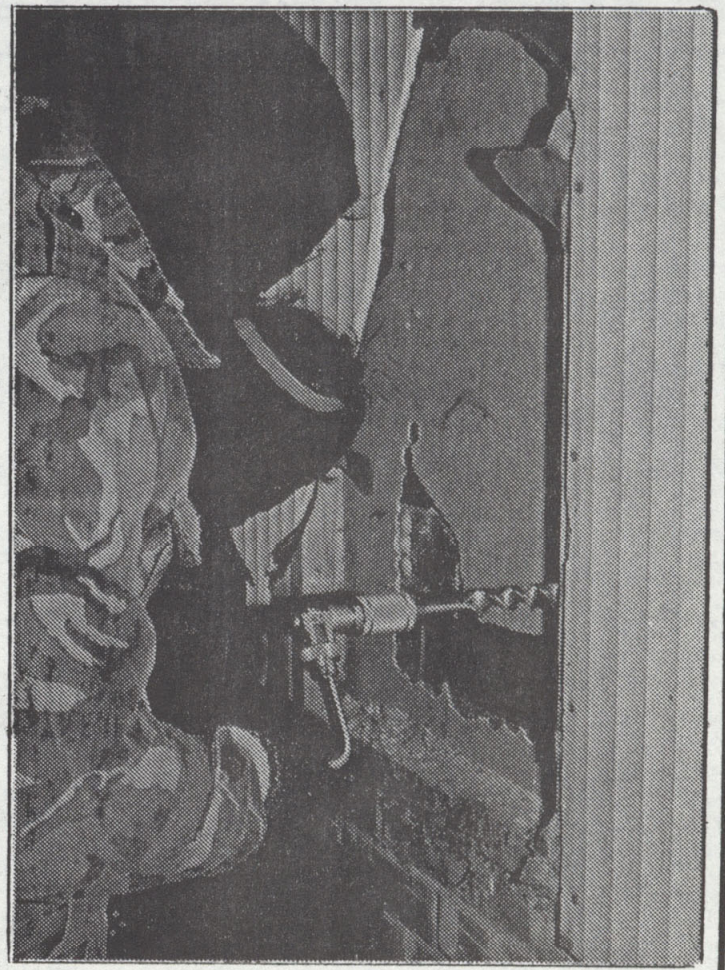
Equipment at the Brocades laboratory at Cut Hedge Farm, Braintree, which produces animal vaccines, was smashed and slogans sprayed on walls.

A spokesman for the ALF said "various papers" were taken. "This information will be used to mount further activities against the company and its personnel."

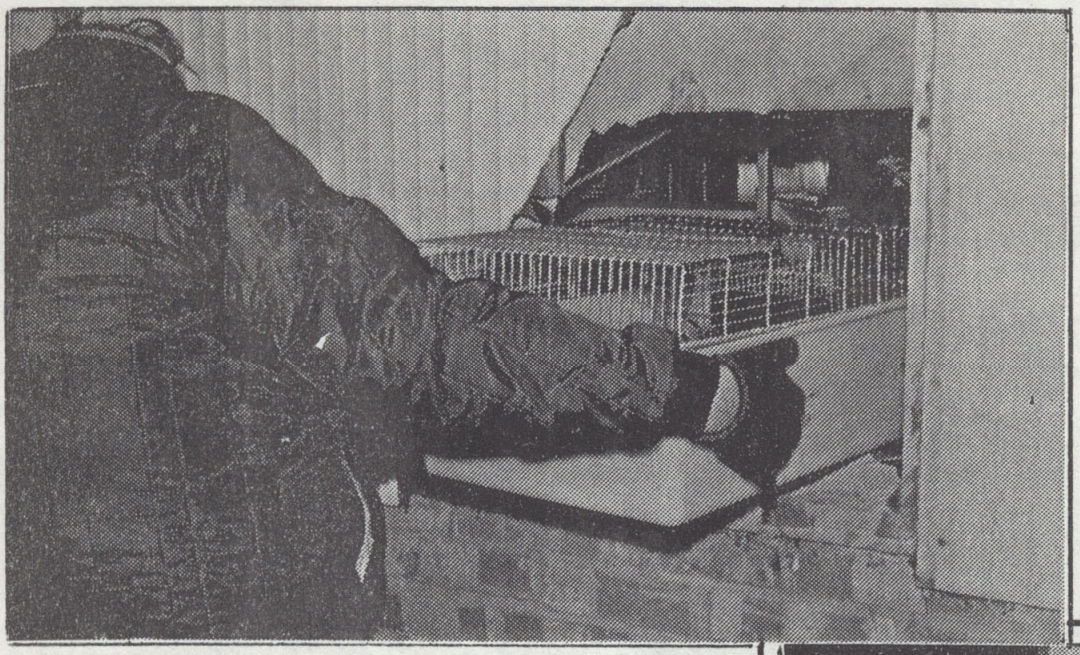
He said: "The ALF will continue to step up action against this company until their operation base is destroyed or they cease to trade."

The ALF said 16 people took part in the raid. More than 100 animals removed would be taken to a "holding centre" where they would be cared for

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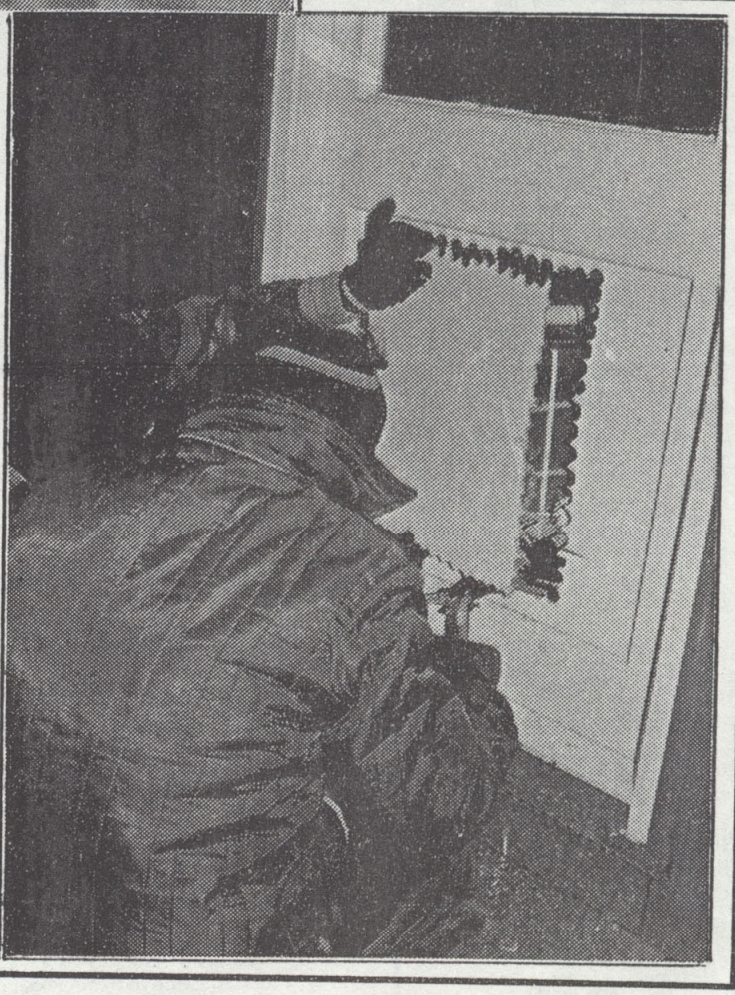
RIGHT - The exterior of the second building consisted of corrugated sheets of concrete, attached with bolts. Activists undid some of the bolts and were able to prise away a large section of the concrete. Using a brace and bit they then drilled a series of holes in the hardboard behind the concrete. Most of the holes were overlapping but, where they weren't, a pad saw was used to cut between them, resulting in a complete section of the hardboard being removed.



Inside this second building were mice and guinea pigs. LEFT - The cages of animals were passed out through the hole and taken to a vehicle which drove them to one of the ALFs holding units for immediate care and treatment. From there they were later taken to their new homes. Some of the guinea pigs which were rescued had their livers totally destroyed by the experiments performed on them at Brocades and these had subsequently to be humanely put to sleep.

Photos by ALF

RIGHT - The offices were broken into, again using the brace and bit to drill a series of holes - this time in the door. Once in, the activists took documents about the experiments being carried out and information relating to other firms which have dealings with the laboratory. The activists intention was to cause damage to the office building. However, they inadvertently set off an internal beam alarm and had to make their getaway before much damage could be done.



The Bad Old Days Will End

There is such a thing as a self-fulfilling prophecy. A belief which, because of its very existence, brings about the conditions under which that same belief is transformed into reality. And a self-fulfilling prophecy of failure is the major obstacle we have to overcome in the battle for animal liberation.

The movement for animals has become so used to failure that it is almost frightened of success. Hardly surprising that this should be the case after decades of letters written to parliamentary waste-paper baskets, petitions cruelly ignored and slogans shouted at deaf ears. It is only right that the movement should expect only failure from traditional methods of protest - but where that expectation of defeat is carried over into the direct action movement, the effect could be disastrous.

Far too many people involved in the ALF and other direct action groups lack faith and confidence in our ultimate victory for animal liberation. They carry out actions with the hope of saving a few animals and of dealing a blow against the animal persecutors here and there - but without any real belief that the industries of animal exploitation can be brought to a halt.

But the evidence of the past few years indicates that the direct action movement is gradually winning the war against animal persecution and there is every reason to believe that, with an increased build-up of direct action, total victory will eventually be achieved.

But it will not be achieved unless activists have a fervent faith in its ultimate achievement. Without such a faith the movement will lack the essential driving force needed to obtain victory and will fail to recruit the number of activists required and to carry out the number of actions necessary for our aims to be made real.

We can and will free the animals. We can and will bring forth a better world.

If we can create within ourselves the prophecy of victory, there is little doubt that we will see that prophecy fulfilled.

Captain Kirk

Utilitarianism and Rights Theory

Most people in the Animal Liberation movement take certain beliefs for granted. We are opposed to all animal abuse, we take direct action and we don't injure animals, human or non-human, in taking action. ALF policy is to rescue animals from suffering and to economically sabotage the individuals and industries involved in animal exploitation. For many the ethics of ALF is self-evident and needs no further elaboration. Nevertheless, there are of course sound arguments which can be used, where necessary, to justify and defend direct action to end animal exploitation. The following article elaborates on the sort of ethical arguments which have been developed by some philosophers and which can be used in support of ALF activists and in support of the vegan way of life in general.

In modern philosophy there are, perhaps, two main plausible ethical theories. Although each has its technical problems I believe that the best ethical, theoretical position combines elements of both. These two positions are, first, utilitarianism and, secondly, rights theory. Let us first consider utilitarianism: a classical utilitarian accepts two general moral principles. 1) That everyones interests count and that similar interests must be counted as having similar weight. 2) What is right and what we should do is whatever brings about the best - maximum - balance between pleasure and pain, or, satisfaction and frustration.

Now, while many traditional writers concerned themselves with only human animals, modern philosophers increasingly apply the theory, correctly, to all sentient beings - Peter Singers influential work 'Animal Liberation' is an example of this. So, for the utilitarian, everyones pain or pleasure counts, and matters, just as much as the equivalent pain or pleasure of any other sentient being, be it a human or non-human animal. The great merit and appeal of utilitarianism rests with its uncompromising egalitarianism: its belief in a basic equality. Every beings interests count and count as much as the like interests of every other being.

One problem with some interpretations of utilitarianism is that individuals - human and non-human - are viewed as mere receptacles of pleasure or pain. Consider this analogy: suppose a cup contains different liquids - sometimes sweet, sometimes bitter, sometimes a mix of the two. What has value are the liquids - the sweeter the better, the bitterer the worse. The cup or container has no value in itself - its what goes into it, not what the cup holds that has the value. On some interpretations of utilitarianism, what has value is what goes 'into' us and into other sentient beings - that is, what we serve as receptacles <u>for</u>: our feelings of satisfaction have positive value and our feelings of frustration have negative value.

A more serious problem arises for the utilitarian when we face up to the fact that the theory <u>requires</u> us to bring about the best consequences - ie. the maximum balance of pleasure/satisfaction over pain/frustration. The problem is that sometimes the best <u>aggregated</u> consequences for everyone concerned are not necessarily the best for each individual. Utilitarianism is an aggregative theory - different individuals satisfactions or frustrations are totalled. The theory seems to allow us, indeed to require us, say, to kill or torture an individual for the maximum benefit of others: the majority. I might, say, kill my rich and miserly aunt Bess in order to inherit her money which would then be passed by me to deserving causes such as ALF or VegFam. Indeed, hundreds of lives, human and non-human, might be saved. The maximum happiness in the world, by killing my aunt, might be considerably increased and, therefore, it would follow that this is what I ought to do. Critics of utilitarianism take it for granted that it is always wrong to kill or torture, even for the good consequences that might follow, and because this is implied by the theory, it is therefore to be rejected as an ethical theory.

It seems to me that what is wrong with the sort of utilitarianism as stated so far is that what is valued is the maximising of pleasure over pain and satisfaction over frustration, whereas what is, seemingly, not valued is the inherent worth of individuals. Now, this is of great importance to ALF. Suppose it were the case that by killing certain animal vivisectors considerable animal suffering and death would be avoided. Should ALF try to kill these exploiters? An out-and-out utilitarian might answer 'yes', because pleasure over pain would thereby be increased. This is very much a factual uncertainty in any case - the public outcry might be counter-productive even on utilitarian grounds. Many, however, would say 'no' because, no matter how dispicable the animal vivisector is, s/he still has certain basic rights, such as the right to life, because of an inherent value as an individual. Moreover, utilitarianism is double edged in that it might allow the vivisector to try to justify his/her vile trade by arguing that by experimenting on animals s/he is, despite the suffering involved of the individual animals, overall and in the long term (say through medical advance) increasing the balance of pleasure over pain for the majority - of humans albeit.

It seems to me that a crude utilitarianism needs to be balanced and supplemented by what is the second main, plausible ethical view: rights theory. This claims that individual sentient beings (and perhaps others too, although this is more controversial) <u>do</u> have value as individuals - what might be called <u>inherent</u> value. Individuals, human and non-human, are more than mere receptacles of pleasure and pain. Above all, <u>all</u> sentient beings have inherent value and possess it <u>equally</u> and all have an equal right to be treated with respect, to be treated in ways that don't reduce them to the status of objects - such that they exist as resources for others. So, my value as an individual is independent of my usefulness to you and vice versa. On this view, to act in such a way that we fail to show respect for anothers independent value is to act immorally: to violate the individuals rights. The work of Tom Regan is an example of this.

Rights theory denies that we can justify good results by using bad means - that is, means that violate an individuals rights. Thus, on rights theory, even if it would have beneficial consequences we can't just kill others such as my aunt or even the vile vivisector. One problem with rights theory is that rights are <u>absolute</u> and it is <u>always</u> wrong to violate a right, even though the consequences of doing so would, say, benefit millions. This, too, is of importance to ALF. Should ALF refrain from damaging the private property of individuals who systematically torture animals? I believe not - but a strict rights theorist would say 'yes, refrain' because even torturers have property rights. Should ALF refrain from sabotaging the meat production industry, its system of distribution and retail outlets? Clearly no - but a strict rights theorist would say 'yes' because even factory farmers and butchers have the right to work! It follows that an out-and-out rights theory must therefore be rejected, as must an out-and-out utilitarianism.

It seems to me that the most plausible ethical theory, in a sense, combines utilitarianism with rights

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theory. We have to say that either individuals don't have certain rights (which is unacceptable) or that, if they do, they can and sometimes ought to be overridden (for the beneficial consequences). While it is clear that classical utilitarianism has its problems for the rights of individuals, it seems equally clear that classical rights theory has its problems in that rights sometimes ought to be overridden. In particular, those of us in the Animal Liberation movement believe that certain rights of animal exploiters have to be overridden for the beneficial long term consequences which follow.

We are, in effect, at war with the animal exploiters, the vivisectors and the meat and dairy industry especially, and we must argue that in such circumstances rights can, should and must be overridden on general utilitarian grounds. But, and this is an important 'but', I believe that this is so only if there are no alternative and equally effective courses of action. In the case of ending abuse to other sentient animals there are no effective alternatives to direct action - polite, political campaigning got nowhere in a hundred or more years. Direct action has achieved much in just ten years. (NB. Even in law the right not to be harmed is overridden as when the aggressor is himself justifiably attacked in self-defence.)

However, ALF activists should be careful not to override rights too casually. While we may not give a toss about a butchers right to have his shop window left intact, we must allow that rights are important. It is, indeed, in attributing rights to all sentient beings that the case for non-abuse of all sentient non-human animals and the vegan way of life ultimately depends. Its a matter of balancing one right with another having utilitarian consequences in mind. There is, of course, even within the animal rights movement room for legitimate disagreement as to the exact balance and hence what is overall justifiable.

Our philisophical position depends, to a large extent, on the fact that all sentient beings are essentially similar, despite many differences. What does this amount to? We are, each of us, the experiencing subject of a life, a conscious creature having an individual welfare that is important to us whatever our usefulness (or lack of it) to others. We all want and prefer things, believe and feel things, recall and expect things. Some beings are better than others at these. And, all these dimensions of our life, including our pleasure and pain, our satisfaction and frustration, our continued existence or our untimely death - all make a difference to the quality of our life as lived, as experienced, by us as individuals. All these dimensions of sentient life are valuable.

Of course, as is well known, some speciesists want to argue that only human animals have inherent value - but it is impossible as a position to defend. They say: this is because only humans have the requisite intellect, intelligence, autonomy or reason. But, factually, this 'argument' is no use because there are many humans who fail to meet these criteria and yet are, correctly, viewed as having value above and beyond their usefulness to others (eg. ESN children). What is ultimately important - as Bentham recognised long ago - is that all sorts of animals feel pleasure and experience pain, experience satisfaction, endure frustration and so on.

Note, of course, that we in the animal liberation movement are not saying that all lives are of exactly equal worth or that all interests of human and non-human animals are to be given equal rights - no matter what those interests might be. We are saying that where animals and humans have similar interests - especially those such as avoiding pain and avoiding being killed - that those interests are to be counted equally, above all with no special discount being given to humans. This is a simple point but nevertheless part of a far reaching ethical and political revolution.

Members of all sentient species all have a right to life, a right to avoid pain, a right not to be involuntarily used as a resource by others. We must make these our foundation. Of course, some rights vary from being to being - depending on the nature of the being. This is because of obvious differences between individuals; some humans are brain damaged, most are not. Some humans are denied the right to vote, most are not. Most humans have the right to free speech; but it would be a nonsense to accord the right to vote and the right to free speech to most non-human animals. By contrast, fish have the right to swim unimpeded in sea and river, birds to fly in the sky, nest in trees and so on. But, generally, it would make little sense to attribute such rights to humans. Rights vary because the sort of lives different species typically lead vary. Also, what harms, say, humans may cause much less harm, or even none, to other animals and vice versa. It would not much affect the interests of a hedgehog to be confined to, say, Surrey, but it would harm considerably most humans to have their lives so constricted. It would not much harm the interests of a human to swallow a slug-pellet, but it would considerably harm a hedgehog. It would not much harm a human to be chased by a cat, but it would considerably harm a small bird. In some matters humans can suffer more, in others less - often the harm is similar or the same.

Despite differences, we assert that all sentient beings have the right not to be killed, physically harmed, tortured, degraded by being involuntarily used as a resource by others and so on. If this is accepted, then it strikes at much which most humans take for granted. At a stroke it implies the end to using non-human animals as mere resources for human animals. It demands the end of the meat and dairy industry, blood and other animal 'sports', animal experimentation, the keeping of pets, etc., and it imposes a duty, on those of us who can, to try to put an end to them - by direct action because this is the only effective way. This is the ethical and social revolution that is at last beginning to take place.

Martial Rose

GUY SALMON

When we read in an SG newsletter that Guy Salmon Car Rentals was hiring cars out to the police to follow animal rights campaigners, we went to Guy Salmons Sales Garage in Thames Ditton, Surrey, armed with a bottle of paintstripper.

Rows and rows of brand new Jaguars filled the forecourt. The forecourt was so floodlit it was like daylight and the road was busy with traffic, as well as pedestrians. So a quiet 'sneaking around' job was out of the question. We would have looked instantly suspicious. So we went to the other extreme and took the 'bold and blatant' approach, strolling casually round the vehicles, admiring them and arguing over which one we should buy (the paintstripper flowing nicely all the while). We wanted to do more but the amount of dog walkers and cars driving around seemed to be increasing. We decided not to push our luck any longer and left, having 'admired' eleven Jaguars in all.

Not surprisingly, the animal rights campaigner whose clever detective work had exposed Salmon (see SG newsletter 14) was arrested on suspicion of being involved in causing the damage but he was later released without charge. The police estimated that the damage caused to the eleven Jaguars was in excess of £40,000.

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The ALF SG was formed in 1982 and since then the newsletters (more recently augmented by the production of 'Action Reports') have enabled the ALF to keep people informed of its actions. The activities before '82, however, have remained largely undocumented and so, starting with Part One in this issue, we will be covering the period between 1973 and 1982 in future newsletters.

The ALF Story

PART 1
« The Band of Mercy and the first actions. »

by Andrew L. Fisher

The 'F' in 'A.L.F.' could well be 'Frustration'. It was through this that the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) evolved.

Through the centuries there are cases of human beings taking direct action to prevent cruelty and many of these events included action to prevent animal cruelty. The main roots from which the ALF grew was the Hunt Saboteurs Association (HSA), an organisation founded and existent to take non-violent direct action to prevent animals meeting their deaths through 'the Hunt'. The HSA itself is an organisation made up of people from all different backgrounds and age groups who feel very strongly about the cruelty in hunting. It was felt by many that if one wanted to prevent hunting the simple answer was to go out and physically disrupt the hunt itself, by laying false trails for hounds and using a hunting horn to send hounds off in the wrong direction. HSA members also thought up numerous other methods to ruin the hunt itself and, since the HSA was formed in 1962, a countless number of wild animals have not been torn to shreds (etc.) because of the direct action taken by the HSA members who turn out in all weathers, travel long distances and face violence from the hunters and wrongful arrest by the police, who seem to favour the hunters.

But, despite this 'new' approach to preventing animal persecution and cruelty, the HSA approach did not go far enough for some. At a Luton, Bedfordshire, address in 1971 a new HSA group was formed. This group was particularly active and successfully wrecked one hunt after another. One member of this group was Ronnie Lee, who had obtained a knowledge of most forms of animal abuse whilst at a law college in London. In due course Ronnie Lee became anxious over the failure of the HSA to take effective action agaist cub hunting, the cruel method used by the hunters to train young fox-hounds by sending them in after young foxes. He met other HSA members who agreed more militant action was needed and 'The Band of Mercy' was formed - named after the RSPCA group for young people in the nineteenth century. The Band then began a successful campaign against vehicles of various Hunts.

It was in 1973 that the Band of Mercy looked upon the world of animal abuse and saw that direct action of a more militant type was needed for other forms of animal abuse - vivisection being one example. The first target was the Hoechst pharmaceutical research centre, being built at Milton Keynes in Buckinghamshire. On November 10th 1973 the Band of Mercy set the site on fire and extensive damage of £26,000 was caused. On 16th November they returned and started another fire - the total damage was some £46,000.

GUERILLAS CONFESS: WE STARTED BLAZES, WE'LL DO IT AGAIN

Bletchley Gazette 30th November '73.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BAND OF MERCY!

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BLAZES AT THE HOECHST RESEARCH LABORATORY AT WALTON [SATURDAY 11TH + SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER]

THE BUILDING WAS SET FIRE TO IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT THE TORTURE AND MURDER OF OUR ANIMAL BROTHERS + SISTERS BY EVIL EXPERIMENTS

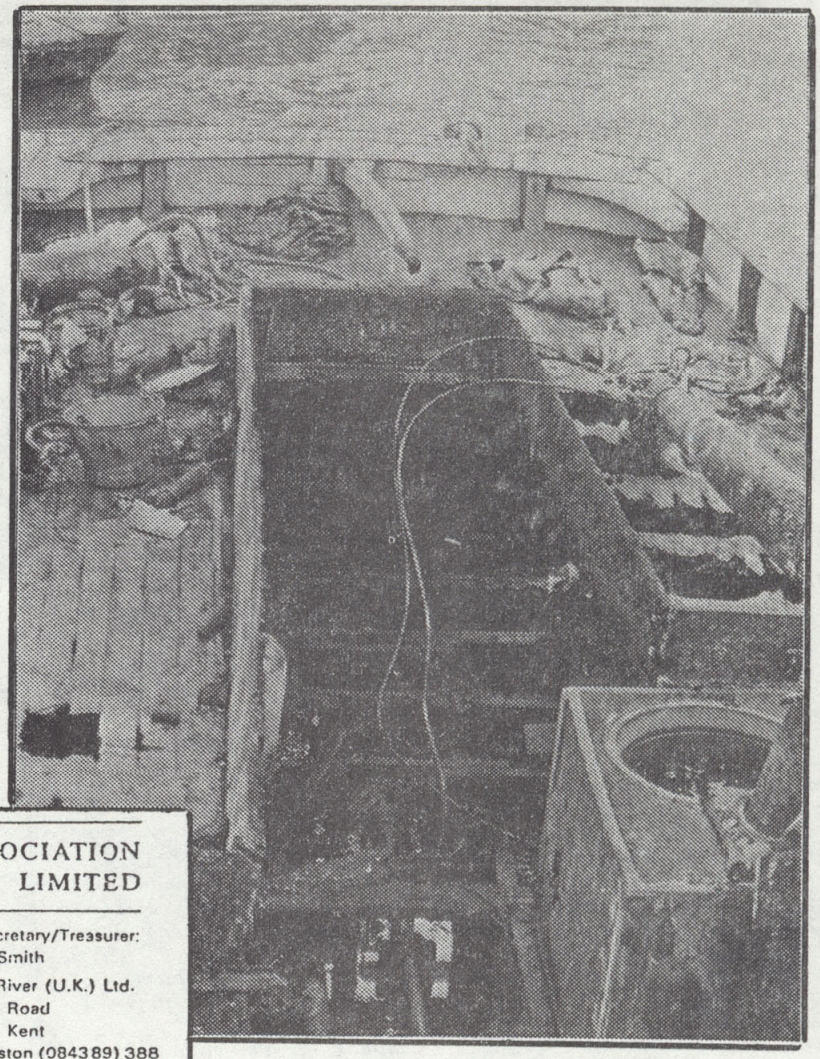
WE ARE A NONVIOLENT GUERILLA ORGANISATION DEDICATED TO THE LIBERATION OF ANIMALS FROM ALL FORMS OF CRUELTY AND PERSECUTION AT THE HANDS OF MANKIND

OUR ACTIONS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL OUR AIMS ARE ACHIEVED

ABOVE - The letter that the Band of Mercy sent to the press, claiming responsibility for the arson attacks.

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No claim of responsibility was made for the first attack - principally because it seemed that the fire had extinguished itself and, as it was decided that a return visit was needed, advising that it was a deliberate act of arson might prevent a successful repeat action being carried out. When Ronnie Lee returned, Cliff Goodman this time accompanied him and they took several gallons of petrol. Some petrol was left in the annexe as it was decided to set fire to the main building and, when leaving through the annexe, set that part on fire also. They went up to the top floor and set this part on fire and went down to each floor doing the same. In the confusion they went down to the basement and realised they could not get out of the burning building. Going upstairs they saw the ground floor ablaze and it was impossible to leave through the ground floor exit. Running through fire with their shoes smouldering they reached the first floor and, by breaking a window, they made their exit by fire escape. Because of this the annexe was not set on fire. As the two left the scene they looked back to see the whole building ablaze and lighting up the skyline but, due to the lack of combustible materials in the building, the fire was insufficient to cause real structural damage although some doors, items made of wood and inflammable substances were destroyed. The lack of structural damage was regretted by Ronnie and Cliff and the fire went out before the fire brigade arrived at the site.



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Dear Member:

You will probably already be aware of a fanatical group of so called "animal lovers" who have caused damage to property on the premises of two members.

This group known as the "Band of Mercy" have stated in the press that their intention is to cause damage at the sites of all Laboratory Animal Producers.

It is impossible to know where and when these people will strike, however, the pattern is for them to cause damage which will not adversely affect the animals, e.g., trucks, offices remote from breeding rooms etc.

As a result of this, you may wish to make use of extra security systems, and to advise your nearest police station of the possibility of an attack on your premises.

It is difficult to say how LABA may help Members who suffer damage, however, if you will advise the Secretary of any help you may need, he will do his best to provide assistance through the Association.

Yours sincerely
LABORATORY ANIMAL BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Alan R. Smith
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer

LEFT - Letter from the LABA to all its members.
ABOVE - The 'Mispah' seal-hunting boat, destroyed by fire at Sutton Bridge, Lincs. (Photo by the Lincolnshire Police)

RIGHT - The Guardian 7th January '74.

Police guard drugs factory

Police have increased security at the Hoechst Pharmaceuticals plant, Milton Keynes, after an attempt by a group of animal lovers calling themselves the Band of Mercy to burn down the £3 millions factory.

The Band of Mercy has warned that its actions will continue until animal experiments stop. The fire did damage worth £3,000.

Ronnie Lee, shortly afterwards, wrote a letter to the local press with gloves on and using paper from a pad ensuring it had no indentation from previous writing, claiming responsibility and using the name 'Band of Mercy'. To prove the writer was not a hoaxer, the letter included details which could only be known to a person involved in starting the fire - eg. the petrol left in the annexe. The letter being posted in Bedford was quickly obtained by the police, who promptly began an investigation into the fires. The letter also warned that more actions of a similar type would take place unless animal experimentation ceased.

This type of action was a far cry from the actions carried out by the Band of Mercy when it first began - the immobilising of vehicles belonging to, or associated with, hunting - the kennels of the Whaddon Chase, the Vale of Aylesbury and the Puckeridge and Thurlow foxhunts all had vehicles damaged in the early autumn of 1973. After the Hoechst fire the Band of Mercy still continued its campaign against Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire hunting kennels. This was the lull before the storm that would bring about the fear and financial damage that animal abuse establishments had never seen before - and had never contemplated possible.

In June 1974 the Band of Mercy again went into action, this time against the seal cullers in the Wash. Two boats, both licensed by the Home office to cull seals, were attacked, one being slightly damaged and the other, the 32 foot 'Mispah' was completely destroyed by fire. Shortly after this more actions occurred - two vehicles burnt at Carworth (Europe) animal breeding centre near Alconbury, with another being immobilised. These vehicles were being used to transport animals to animal experimentation laboratories. This action on July 11th, with others which were occurring, was receiving publicity and drawing attention to the widescale animal abuse existing in the country.

Three days later the Band of Mercy visited Animal Suppliers Ltd. at Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, where £1,000 worth of damage was done. A member of the group advised the local press that the vehicles would have been set on fire or blown up except for the fact that they were situated too near the buildings holding the animals. The caller also advised that this type of action would continue until animal exploitation ceased. It was obvious that the animal abuse establishments were taking the Band and its threats very seriously as the Laboratory Animal Breeders Association issued a letter to all members on July 16th 1974 warning them of the Band and its activities.

On July 20th Harris Biological Supplies in Weston Super Mare had a vehicle destroyed by fire and the actions began to increase - a Marlborough gun shop damaged, four vehicles belonging to an Elstree animal breeding centre damaged, containers for animals belonging to a Little Kingshill poultry breeder were destroyed and a vehicle belonging to OLAC (Western) near Capel Isaac was burnt in just the month following. The Band were becoming aware that establishments involved in animal abuse were now taking more precautions and they felt and sensed capture was not far off. This was in fact well founded. On 23rd August 1974 two members of the Band, Ronnie Lee and Cliff Goodman, were seen by a security guard in the area outside OLAC (Southern) at Bicester, Oxfordshire, this being the English counterpart of OLAC (Western) attacked two days before. The police were there in a few minutes and both Band members were arrested.

Farm raid by 'Band of Mercy'

The Review
18th July '74

A group of animal lovers calling themselves The Band of Mercy smashed up three lorries at a Welwyn Garden City farm. And a £250 reward has been offered for information about the raiders.

The offer was made by another group of animal lovers who are opposed to the Band's violent methods.

Herts police are investigating the incident on Sunday at Roebuck Farm, run by Animal Suppliers (London) Limited.

They were alerted after a well-spoken young woman rang the Press Association in London to say the group had caused extensive damage to the three lorries, which she said were used to take animals to laboratories where they are subjected to 'cruel' experiments.

The woman, who refused to say who she was, declared: "We would have destroyed the lorries by fire or blown them up, but they were too near buildings in which animals were housed. So we slashed the tyres, sprayed the windows with black paint and pulled out wiring and seats."

Later it was estimated that more than £1000 of damage had been done to the lorries.

Four weeks ago the Band of Mercy claimed responsibility for setting fire to a shrimp boat in the Wash which they said was being used for seal hunting.

They also claimed to have started a fire at pharmaceutical laboratories in Milton Keynes last year and to have burnt out vans near Huntingdon this month.

Before ringing off the girl threatened: "We shall carry on our campaign until these people stop exploiting animals and leave them alone."

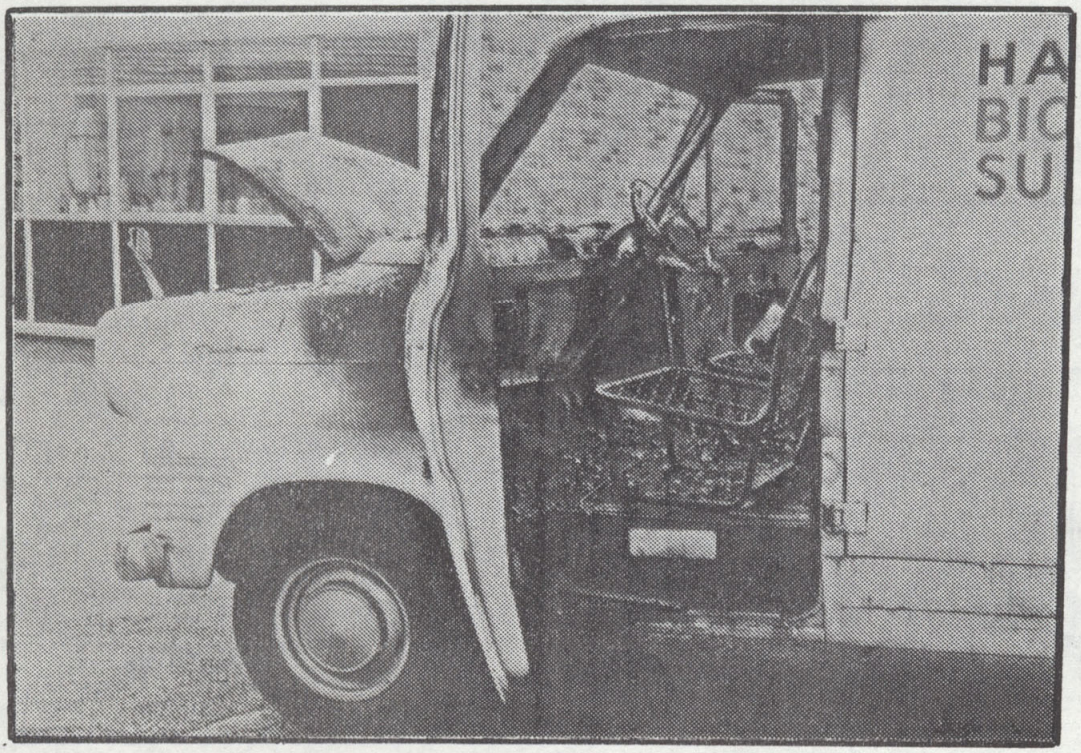
The Hunt Saboteurs Association have offered a £250 reward for information leading to the identity of the Band of Mercy. The offer followed the burning of the seal hunting boat and the vans.

Mr. Rorke Garfield, 32 year-old area commander of the sabateurs association which claims 5,000 members in Britain said:

"We are offering £250 reward because the police appear to be unable to make any progress in tracing these criminals.

"We approve of their ideals, but are opposed to their methods. We are a non-violent organisation and these sort of tactics are damaging our image.

BELOW LEFT - Van belonging to Harris Biological Supplies, Weston-Super-Mare, damaged by fire. (Photo by the Avon & Somerset Constabulary)
BELOW RIGHT - Daily Mail, 1st December '73.



Animal group 'set fire to factory'

THE Band of Mercy, a group of animal lovers, claimed responsibility yesterday for two fires at a research factory.

The fires at the Hoechst pharmaceuticals centre at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, did £8,000 worth of damage.

Effort

A letter posted ten miles away at Bedford said: 'A message from the Band of Mercy. The building was set fire to in an effort to prevent the torture and murder of our animal brothers and sisters by evil experiments.'

Hoechst is one of the world's largest chemical firms with a £250 million annual turnover.

The new city laboratory will use radioactive isotopes to find new cures for diabetes, depression, arthritis, gastric ulcers and infertility.

In the next SG:
Part Two - 'Imprisonment and Ronnie Lees own account.'

HATCHERY RAID

On the night of Sunday September 1st a number of ALF activists took part on a raid at a chicken hatchery unit. The conditions inside the building were shocking. Many chicks lay dead and dying, the heat was intolerable. No natural light was allowed into the shed and the bright lights were regulated by a timing device which controlled the amount of time the chicks slept. The lights are on most of the time in these hatcheries so that the chicks eat more and grow quicker and, therefore, the farmer reaps more profit per year. The cacophony of sound in the unit was frightening and it reminded me of a mental asylum, only worse, for these animals have no future at all, only death as an end to all their suffering.

Twenty-eight chicks were rescued in all and, out of these, seven chicks died as a result of the terrible living conditions they were in. If you take this as an average ratio of how many deaths there are overall it works out at roughly 1 in 4. This is a huge amount of suffering and the owners of these 'concentration camps' must get through an awful lot of chicks in order to make enough of a profit for themselves. People may think the chicks in these units have a relatively easy time compared to adult hens in battery units. This is not so. They have no one to look after them or fend for them and many of the weaker chicks simply die of starvation. They are exploited up until, and including, the time they are caged and have no hope of a humane life, except by being rescued from these shit houses.

The chicks that were liberated were taken to 'safe' houses and given a new free-range home. We need more people who are prepared to risk themselves and help liberate more of these unfortunate creatures, before 10 foot high electric fences and alarm systems surround these units too. The time for action is NOW! so liberate before its too late.

Nottingham ALF

Editors note - This report is taken from the latest quarterly Nottingham ALF Supporters Group newsletter. The Nottingham group have produced three excellent newsletters so far and we'd strongly recommend that SG members in and around Nottingham subscribe to it. As well as keeping you informed in more detail of what's going on in your area, your subscription to it will help fund the local group. You can also help by selling the newsletter on stalls and at gigs etc. Subscription is £4 a year and the address is: Animal Liberation Front (Nottingham) Supporters Group, Box G, Mushroom Bookshop, 10 Heathcote Street, Nottingham.

We are currently producing 'information sheets' about the different areas of animal abuse, the fur trade, vivisection, factory farming, bloodsports etc. These were initially started to send to the ever increasing amount of newcomers who are writing to us for information. However, SG members may also find them useful for distribution at meetings, stalls etc. or for yourselves if you want more basic facts and figures about the exploitation of animals.

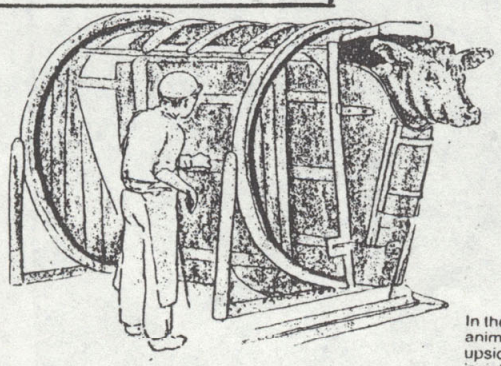
Ritual Slaughter

The report of the Farm Animal Welfare Council on the slaughter of livestock by religious methods makes gruesome reading. Though no one who cares about animals could ever accept the slaughter of animals for meat, nevertheless the report shows that a greater suffering is involved in ritual slaughter. The ritually slaughtered animals, like all meat animals, have suffered factory farming methods and the stress of transport and markets; it is, however, at the point of slaughter that the suffering is greater. The Slaughterhouses Act 1974 has within it an exemption for ritual slaughter, as does the Slaughter of Poultry Act 1967. Although this exemption was initially designed to meet the 'needs' of the Jewish Muslem communities living in Britain it has now been stretched to include slaughter for export to countries in the Middle East, Asia and Africa. There are no requirements in national legislation for specific registering of ritual slaughterhouses, however the report tells of 89 red meat ritual slaughterhouses and 21 poultry slaughterhouses (there are many more unlicensed). The FAWC report gives ritual slaughter numbers as per year 91,200 cattle, 1,559,000 sheep and goats. In addition, 220,000 poultry are ritually slaughtered every week.

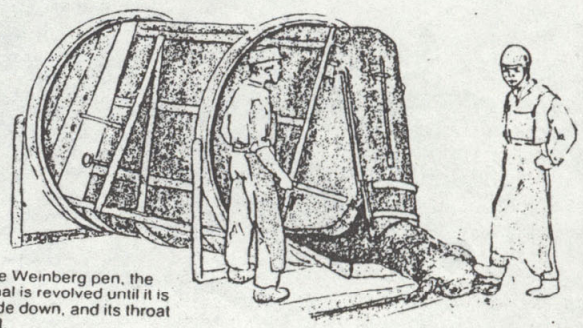
In the rotary pen method the petrified animal is chased up a ramp and into a pen which is then turned to invert the animal onto its back. The animal at this stage is in pain due to the weight of the rumen pressing on its diaphragm, the animals often banging their head on the floor. The animals head is usually stood on by the foot of the pen operator whilst its throat is cut. Bruising often occurs to various parts of the body when the animal is turned. Sheep are placed in a 'slaughtering cradle' where their throats are cut. The killing of poultry is equally barbaric with the report recording 'sawing action' with as many as seven backward and forward actions before the animals throat was slit. With animals being shackled and hoisted immediately after the cut, it was stated that it could not be shown that the examination of the chest cavity always took place after the animal was dead. Some of the larger animals - sheep, cattle, goats - took 5 to 10 seconds to fall to the ground when their throats were cut with them in a standing position.

This factual catalogue of horror must convince anyone who cares about animals that, although the killing of animals for meat is immoral, the ritual slaughter practice is of greater barbarity than so called humane slaughter. The campaign against ritual slaughter is a just and valid one all the while it can be shown that it involves such suffering. It is regrettable in the light of this that some 'political animals' in our movement will not only have no part in our campaign against ritual slaughter but will attempt to abort it. Is it that socialist politics is more important to them than the suffering of these creatures?

D. Mellor



The Slaughter of Food Animals



In the Weinberg pen, the animal is revolved until it is upside down, and its throat is cut.

Cocksparrow

ANDY HORBURY WAS RECENTLY RELEASED FROM PRISON, WHERE HE HAD SERVED A SENTENCE FOR HIS PART IN A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ALF RAID ON COCKSPARROW FUR FARM, WHERE THIRTY ARCTIC BLUE FOXES WERE RESCUED (VALUED AT £6,000) AND OVER £5,000 DAMAGE CAUSED. AS ANDY BEGAN HIS TWO YEAR SENTENCE AN ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN EXAMINING THE RAID, THE TRIAL AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE IMPLICATIONS TO THE FUTURE OF DIRECT ACTION. THE ARTICLE WAS INTENDED FOR THE SG NEWSLETTER WHICH WAS DUE FOR PUBLICATION AT THAT TIME. HOWEVER, BEFORE WE EVEN HAD A CHANCE TO MAKE A COPY OF IT, THE ARTICLE WAS JUST ONE OF MANY ITEMS TAKEN BY THE POLICE WHEN THEY RAIDED THE OFFICE IN MARCH. RECENTLY SCOTLAND YARD RETURNED IT AND, ALTHOUGH RATHER OUT OF DATE NOW, WE HOPE YOU'LL AGREE THAT ITS STILL WORTH INCLUDING IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

The Raid

On the night of 4th January 1984, after weeks of planning, Sheffield ALF hatched their plan to raid Cocksparrow Fur Farm, over 100 miles away in Warwickshire. Members of the group had used the national demos. at the farm to look over the place and suss out the possibilities. While other activists were busy hurling themselves at police lines, Sheffield ALF were taking note of telephone wires, access roads, escape routes etc.

Now the night had arrived and the adrenalin was flowing, as the group set off down the A38 towards the Midlands. They were armed only with a few tools, and a determination borne out off compassion and anger. They had two aims: to liberate some foxes, for which homes had already been found, and to damage some fur trade equipment.

As they drove through Tamworth, to within ten miles of the farm, there was a slight hitch. For Andy Horbury this slight hitch was to cost him two years. A WPC Reeves was on patrol in the area and, obviously bored, decided to harass some citizens. It was just incredibly bad luck that these citizens happened to be the ALF on the job.

*"I am a police constable of the Staffordshire Police, stationed at Tamworth. At approximately 0240 hours, on Thursday January 5th, I was in full police uniform in a marked police vehicle. As I was travelling alone Upper Gungate, Tamworth, I saw a vehicle approaching me. I could see that the front nearside headlight of the vehicle was not illuminated".*This is a lie but police persons usually justify their harassment in this way. *"The registration number of the vehicle was YWY 20X. It was a white Ford Transit van and across the rear doors it had the words 'Beauchief Van Hire' and a Sheffield telephone number.*

"I followed the van and at 0243hrs I stopped it on the A51 Dosthill to Kingsbury Road. I approached the driver of the vehicle and said 'can you tell me where you are from and where you are going?' The driver replied 'I'm from Barnsley and we're going to Coventry.' I said 'where are you going then?' The driver replied 'we're going to Cardigan in South Wales.' I said 'what is your name?' He replied 'Andrew Horbury.' I said 'can you give me proof of your identity?' He replied 'I've got my driving licence.' He then produced a driving licence in the name of Andrew Robert Horbury, 21/4/61. I looked in the back of the van and saw approximately six persons. They were asleep on what looked like canvas sacking."
(For security reasons we are not publishing WPC Reeves descriptions of the occupants.)

Eventually the group set off again and there followed a heavy debate on whether to continue with the plan. In the end the decision was left to Andy, as he would be the one most likely to be nabbed later. Andy decided to take the risk.

Over two hours later the van, heavily disguised, drove up the narrow lane leading to Cocksparrow Fur Farm. The telephone wires were put out of action and the raid was on. The owner of the farm, Nirbahal Singh Gill, was soon woken by the sound of his guard dogs. His descriptive statement is a very good account of the raid.

"I am a farmer living at the above address. My concern is the breeding of foxes for their fur. The foxes are Arctic Blue Foxes. On Thursday 5th January 1984 I was at home asleep when, at about 4.40am, I was woken by the dogs at the pens. There are five dogs on running wires guarding the perimeter of the pens.

"To begin with I ignored the noises. I got out of bed and looked through the bedroom curtains. I saw a van reversing along the concrete path to the gate of the pens. The vans lights were on, there were people around the van, I could see four at this stage. The van was a white Ford Transit. I then went out in my night clothes to the door. I opened the door and there were several people standing between the pens and my house. As soon as I went out I saw torch lights, these were directed in my face and they said 'get back inside or we are going to shoot you.' This was repeated two or three times, by more than one in the group. The only thing I could see of them was that they all had masks completely covering their faces. I could not identify any accent of them.

"I then came back inside and tried to telephone the police. I tried the telephone but it wasn't working. I assumed at this stage that the wires had been fetched down. I then went outside again to the farmhouse because that also has a telephone, but the group of three threatened me again, they came face to face with me. I then noticed one of them was a girl by her voice. They repeatedly threatened me, saying they were going to shoot me if I didn't get back inside. I could not see whether they had a weapon or not because they kept flashing torches in my face. The van was still down at the pens.

"I then went to the back door and went to the north side of the pens. Without being seen, I got the dog from there and walked back to the front of the temporary building. I spoke to my wife and she told me the telephone wasn't working there either. I then said to my wife 'I'll go and get my motorbike.' The three did not have any conversation to my wife, but when I went to walk to the building with my bike the three people again came to me. The dog was still with me. They said 'get back inside otherwise we'll shoot you. We don't want to hurt you but if you cause us trouble we will'. Just before I got back inside I saw another three or four people over by the barn buildings. I could hear a lot of noise around the two buildings. I came to the back door again and went with the dog across to the Andrews house some 200 yards away.

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"There I saw Mrs. Andrews and I asked to use her telephone. She said it was out of order, the lines dead. I said 'will you please put one of your vehicles in the lane to block the lane and I will pay for any damage?' She did not have time to reply because I heard the noise of the van leaving. I then walked to the gate of her house and the van was just passing me. I then saw, as it passed me, the registration no. KAY --- -. I think the suffix was 'Y'. I then came back towards the farm. I could still see some torches at the farm so I went on to the road, walking through the fields to avoid being seen. I got onto the main road and tried two houses before I woke someone. I used their telephone and called the police. I waited there until the police came, they drove down the lane and I ran and informed them that the people had only been gone a few minutes. I made a quick search of the farm and noted that some foxes had been taken and there was a lot of damage.

"Thirty foxes were taken, total value £6,000. The total value of damage was £5,787.50."

The group was soon on its way back to Sheffield, their work completed. The liberated foxes were taken somewhere, by someone. The groups jubilation obscured the memory of WPC Reeves untimely intervention.

On hearing of the raid, WPC Reeves told senior officers about her encounter earlier that morning. They informed Warwickshire detectives, who immediately contacted West Bar police station in Sheffield. The net was closing in on Andy.

When Andy went to return the hired vehicle with a friend, he found a reception committee waiting. PC David Gillot explains:

"I am a police constable presently stationed at West Bar police station in Sheffield. At 4pm I was on duty in company with PC MacFarlane near to the premises known as Beauchief Van Hire, Sheffield. At that time I saw a white Ford Transit van, YWY 20X, drive into the yard of those premises. In the drivers seat was the accused, Andrew Robert Horbury, and seated beside him was the accused Mandy Barratt. Both got out of the van and, in company with PC MacFarlane, I went to them and, after introducing ourselves, the following conversation took place:

" 'I have received information that you are responsible for an offence of burglary and theft. I am arresting you on suspicion of this offence and you will be taken to West Bar police station and detained while further enquiries are made. You are not obliged to say anything unless you wish to do so, but what you say may be put into writing and given in evidence.'

"Neither replied. They were placed into a police vehicle and conveyed to West Bar Police Station where, upon arrival, their details were entered on to a detained persons sheet and they were detained."

Andy and Mandy were later taken to Coleshill Police station in Warwickshire, where they were questioned. Andy said nothing of the whereabouts of the liberated foxes, or who his colleagues had been. At 6.10 the following evening, Friday 6th January, Mandy and Andy were charged with conspiracy to commit damage and to steal foxes. They appeared at Coleshill Magistrates the following Monday, 9th January and were bailed, with strict conditions.

The Trial

Over a year, and half a dozen Magistrates hearings later, Tuesday 29th January 1985, the trial began at Warwick Crown Court. Supporters packed the public gallery as the first witness, Nirbahal Singh Gill took the stand.

His evidence matched his statement almost word for word and it was strongly suspected that some important parts had been added by the police with Singh Gills consent.

After WPC Reeves evidence came the forensic. There was just too much linking the hired van with the farm and for the first time it was sinking in just how close Andy was to a jail sentence. Things were so desperate that he decided not to give evidence and merely plead 'lack of evidence'. Mandy, though, had a solid alibi which the prosecution couldn't challenge.

That evening, the night before the verdict, a few of us went for a drink and we all joked that it might be Andys last for some time. Though the threat of prison was very real, we expected 3 months or 6 months at the most.

The next day the humour became stark reality. The jury took five hours to find Andy guilty of conspiracy to steal foxes and conspiracy to commit damage. Mandy was acqitted of all charges, as anticipated.

Judge Michael Harrison-Hall, hitherto a doddery senile twit, suddenly sprouted brains and assumed a posture full of venom and retribution. His reddened face glared at Andy. *"This was a gross violation of a mans property. Your motives do not interest me. On both counts, to run concurrently, you will go to prison for two years."*

Andy looked shocked and a little shaken, but took it well. The people in the gallery gasped and one person shouted to the judge *"you scum!"*. There were a few tears from his friends later. Andy was led away by a burly uniformed prison officer to the cells below the court, to await transport to Birmingham Prison.

Andy is not the first activist to be imprisoned and he certainly won't be the last. Nonetheless, his hefty sentence signifies a new age in the struggle. It now appears that the authorities are refusing to give in without a fight. They have gone onto the offensive in a concerted effort to smash all effective resistance to animal exploitation. Do they really know what they're dealing with?!



RIGHT - Cocksparrow with that morning after feeling. Police photograph of some of the £5,000 damage caused in the raid.

The System

Those who would see an end to direct action are using the legal system as their main weapon. The system is based on a chain of agencies who carry out the wishes of those in power (powerful groups like the NFU, the RDS and multinationals like ICI have a very strong say in the system). Supposedly independent groups like the police force, the judiciary, the media, the civil service and the prison service are each responsible for their link in the chain of law enforcement. For the average crime this system works adequately most of the time. When the culprits are nicked they are fed through the law machine and processed by each agency independently until they are spat out at some stage or other to begin all over again. If the culprit is not caught this time he will, in all probability, be caught at a later date and have this offence taken into consideration. No threat is posed to those in power and, moreover, the criminal has helped to keep many people in work. Call it job creation if you like!

This cosy set up is disturbed by groups like ALF. Whereas the average criminal commits one offence at a time for its own sake, the ALF activist sees her 'crime' as part of a widespread campaign. The activist doesn't gain financially from an action and can therefore choose the attack with the least risk. If a thief wanted to steal £100 from a shop he would have to break in, spend ten minutes looking for the money and then effect an escape. The activist can cause £100 worth of damage to a shop just by breaking the window. This presents a headache for the system. As it stands, it is incapable of doing anything to deal with the snowballing effect of direct action. It is helpless and so the people involved must therefore use wider powers, an array of dirty tricks and a good deal of corruption.

The Conspiracy

In the past year or so we have witnessed radical change in the attitude and methods of the authorities in dealing with animal activists. There is now a large amount of collusion between the police, the judiciary and the media, with their orders coming from on high. The days are over now when those who acted unselfishly on behalf of animals could expect to be dealt with leniently. The reverse is now true.

In all the stages of the legal process the conspiracy is clearly evident. The first stage, after an activist is charged with an offence is an application to be released on bail, pending trial. At this point, it is important to remember that technically the activist is innocent. Everybody has a right to bail except where the police can prove that a) the defendant might abscond, b) the defendant might commit further offences, or c) that the defendant might tamper with witnesses.

There is now a sinister trend whereby animal activists are either being refused bail, therefore spending time in prison in remand, or granted bail with very strict conditions attached. Many are ordered to sign on at a police station every day, put under strict curfew, provide cash sureties sometimes of thousands of pounds, or told not to be involved in animal rights.

It is an ongoing process in that at any one time there are upwards of seventy activists on bail awaiting trial, some for more than a year. So, without having to gain convictions, the authorities are able to ensure that large numbers of activists are kept out of action. Very often charges are dropped before the case comes to court or the activists are acquitted. When this happens there is no course open for compensation, or even an apology.

The Sting

The next phase has a more serious ring to it. In several cases recently we have seen examples of police framing activists. This is not an unknown practice among the police, mostly used when a copper has a vendetta against someone. But it is also common for decisions to be taken at a higher level to ensure convictions at all costs. In the case of ALF, I believe that a general directive from David Mellor and his cronies has been handed down to individual chief constables etc.

Several activists have been 'stitched up' recently. Where there is only circumstantial evidence, the police have been inventing evidence, either by breaking into peoples houses and taking objects with the suspects fingerprints on them, and then claiming to have found them at the scene of the raid, or by planting false evidence in the homes or vehicles of activists. The police witnesses then tell lies to corroberate their bent evidence and the judge is pleased to accept it as true. After all, the police never lie! The judge can then interpret the evidence however he likes in his summing up, which is largely responsible for the decision of the jury.

This can all be linked to the increased involvement of Special Branch and CID in the animal rights sphere. Most cities now have a special department whose role is to collect information and monitor known activists. It is no secret that key telephones are tapped and that mail is intercepted.

The role of organisations like the Freemasons cannot be over-emphasised in this matter. Freemasonry is riddled with farmers, landowners, vivisectors, fur traders and hunters who can rub shoulders with judges, politicians, the media barons and the police (about 80% of chief constables are freemasons). The masons are a mutual co-operation society for the powerful and the influential, which speaks for itself. It would be easy for someone in the masons, whose property has been attacked by ALF, to have a friendly chat with a chief constable or a judge in another lodge.

The Future

On the face of it, this is a very disturbing trend. Doubtless some activists will be discouraged by the severe sentence meted out to Andy Horbury, or by the number of activists in prison awaiting trial. But most, far from seeing this as a deterrent, will recognise it as a sign that direct action is at last having a widespread effect. Somebody high up there has been severely effected by the upsurge in animal rights activity. Someone is very disturbed at the growing numbers of animal activists who are now realising the potential of their own individual acts of sabotage, and shunning the near-government run societies designed to stem such activities.

Unfortunately for Animal Exploitation Inc., the conspiracy is too little and too late. The ALF is now so well established and so cleverly organised that it will never be defeated. The guilty are now beginning to realise what we have known for a long time - that their days are numbered. They are paying the price of not taking us seriously when our numbers were few and our critics many. Those days are now long gone. Throughout Britain the numbers of ALF activists are growing at a speed that is dazzling those who would see an end to direct action.

Robin Hood

Prisoners & Defence Funds

CARLO HANSHAW and DAVE BABBINGTON still serving 2 year 7 month sentences for an arson attack at a Leeds vivisection lab. and for damaging a butchers shop and a vivisectors home. GRAHAM MITCHELL and STEVE SYMONDS have been released on parole from 2 year sentences for the lab. attack. Letters and donations for Dave and Carlo c/o NEALL, Box 15, 59 Cookridge St., Leeds, L52 3AW. Cheques payable to Hazleton Action Group.

SHIRLEY CLARKE, JULIE EDWARDS, BRETT JACKSON and MIKE HAYES have now been released having served 6 month sentences for going equipped to cause arson at a building due to be used to hold animals for Leeds University vivisection.

IAIN McCANN still serving a 4 year sentence for 2 arson attacks on property connected with the notorious Wickham vivisection labs. in Hampshire.

7 activists sent to prison after being convicted at Winchester Crown Court of conspiracy to do burglary in connection with 3 consecutive SEALL raids in 1984 against premises connected with pet stealing and vivisection in Hants (including the infamous Wickham labs.). Sentences were as follows:- MIKE NUNN - 3 years, GORDON BRIANT - 21 months (with 9 of them suspended), SALLY MILLER - 18 months (6 sus pended), JOHN QUIRKE - 18 months (9 suspended), JOHN CURTIN - 9 months (3 suspended), SUE BAKER - 9 months (4 suspended), KEVIN WILLIAMS - 6 months (3 suspended). 11 other activists were acquitted. Please write individually to Mike Nunn (J92297), Gordon Briant (J92309), John Quirke (number not known at present), Kevin Williams (J92279), HM Prison, Romsey Rd., Winchester, Hants, and Sally Miller (D22865) and Sue Baker (D22862), HM Prison, Bulwood Hall, High Rd., Hockley, Essex. John Curtin is due for release soon as he has spent time in custody awaiting trial.

2 activists from the Brighton area ordered to pay £215 each for smashing a butchers shop window. Donations to BARG, PO Box 307, 51 Ship St., Brighton, E. Sussex.

Suspended prison sentence and £450 fine given to Kettering activist for damaging meat lorries and 2 butchers shops. Donations to ALF (SG)

4 activists from the Nottingham area given suspended sentences and fined a total of £550 on conspiracy charges in relation to arson and damage at meat factories. Donations to ALF SG (Nottingham), Box G, Mushroom Bookshop, 10 Heathcote St., Nottingham.

5 animal liberationists from the London area ordered to pay a total of £750 after being convicted by High Wycombe Magistrates of damaging the fence at a mink farm. Donations to ALF SG.

Activist ordered to pay £600 for breaking butchers shop window in Roehampton, SW. London. Donations to ALF SG.

6 activists ordered to pay a total of nearly £2,000 following the smashing of 27 butchers shop windows in South Humberside. 2 of the 6 also received suspended prison sentences. Donations to ALF SG.

2 animal liberation campaigners from Bath ordered to pay nearly £400 for damaging the window of a local meat shop. Donations to ALF SG.

2 activists charged with criminal damage following the bricking and daubing of a butchers shop near Newmarket. Donations to ALF SG.

13 West German activists face charges in connection with an alleged attempt to set fire to a newly built vivisection lab. at Borstel, near Hamburg. 10 of them spent 3 weeks in prison following arrest but have now been released, as has another who spent 5 weeks inside. A charge against several of them of forming a terrorist organisation has now been withdrawn but some face additional charges in connection with 6 earlier animal liberation raids. Donations towards legal costs should be sent to Commerzbank, Hamburg, W. Germany - bank sorting code 200 - 400 - 00. Account no. 6246979 ("Prozessund Anwaltskosten Tierschuetzer Borstel - A. Jones").

Also faced with legal expenses are 3 people who liberated 37 cats and 4 dogs from the German Cancer Research Centre at Heidelberg University. They have all lost their jobs because of their involvement in the raid. Donations to Badische Beamtenbank, Karlsruhe, Heidelberg, W. Germany (sort code 660 908 00). Account no. 2193337 ("Tierschuetzer in Not").

4 activists due to appear before Gloucester magistrates on charges of damaging butchers shops, a fur shop, Boots and Gloucester cattle market. One of them is already on a suspended sentence. Donations to Cheltenham Animal Rights Defence Fund c/o ALF SG.

2 activists from Leamington Spa ordered to pay £230 for painting slogans on butchers shops and a fur shop. Donations to ALF SG.

An animal liberation campaigner from Milton Keynes has been committed (on bail) for trial at Crown Court on a charge of conspiracy to cause damage to butchers shops. She is also charged with damaging butchers shops and going equipped to do damage. 2 other activists had charges of going equipped dropped. Donations to ALF SG.

Animal rights activist from Tonbridge, Kent charged with theft in connection with rescue of dog being kept in a cage. Donations to ALF SG.

The trial is due to take place in January of 41 people on charges of conspiracy to cause criminal damage and to commit burglary in connection with a raid in 1984 on the Unilever vivisection lab. in Bedforshire. (Donations to EALL Defence Fund, c/o Doorway Bookshop, 18 Victoria Rd., Northampton.)

In Holland 4 activists fined about £50 each for rescuing animals and causing damage to animal abuse premises. 2 other Dutch activists are awaiting trial.

The trial is due to take place in January of BERNARD LIEVING, charged with burglary following the rescue of over 30 dogs from an Oxford University vivisection holding unit in July. Donations to CALL Defence Fund, PO Box 45, Birmingham 1.

Several activists from Leicester face charges in connection with the damaging of butchers shops and meat lorries. Donations to ALF SG.

6 campaigners from Exeter area charged with criminal damage to butchers shops, meat lorries etc. (over £20,000 damage) in Devon and 5 others charged with criminal damage to the roof of the University Psychology dept. during an anti-vivisection protest. Donations to Devon Animal Rights, PO Box 79, Exeter, Devon (mark envelope 'Defence Fund')

5 activists fined for daubing slogans on butchers shops and a fishmongers in South Shields. Donations to ALF SG.

JOHN CURTIN and TERRY HELSBY awaiting trial on various charges connected with the attempted digging up of fox-hunting fanatic the Duke of Beaufort. Donations to Bristol Defence Fund c/o BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX.

Former ALF Northern Press Officer ROGER YATES (alias RICHARD WALKER) faces trial at Liverpool Crown Court in January on a charge of breaking the windows of a Merseyside travel agents which was selling tickets for an animal circus. He is also on bail on a charge that he threatened that criminal damage would be caused at Rackhams store in Sheffield (because of the fur dept. there). Donations to ALF SG.

13 activists face conspiracy to cause criminal damage charges in connection with attacks on shops involved in animal abuse during a night of action in Huddersfield. Donations to Huddersfield ALF SG, PO Box B9, Huddersfield.

2 animal liberation campaigners charged in connection with actions in the Preston area. Donations to ALF SG.

3 activists from Salisbury ordered to pay a total of £169 for spraying slogans on butchers shops, a cattle transporter etc. Donations to ALF SG.

A Pair of Grasses

Karen Wedley of 29 Kings Mills Rd., Wrexham and Shane Wilcox of 55 St. Davids Crescent, Acton, Wrexham became the movements worst ever grasses when they recently gave evidence at Mold Crown Court against animal rights campaigner John Marchant.
Wedley and Wilcox alleged that John had masterminded a campaign of direct action in which they were involved and had provided them with 'hit lists' and a catapult. He was charged with conspiracy to cause damage and possessing articles with intent to cause damage but was thankfully acquitted of both charges by the jury. The judge said that John would have received 9 months imprisonment had he been convicted. John was given 120 hours community service after admitting sending threatening letters to shops displaying circus posters but this charge would never have been brought were it not for the grassing of Wedley and Wilcox.
Wedley also told police that 2 local activists had been involved in stealing (ie. rescuing) illtreated dogs but they were acquitted when she failed to turn up in court to give evidence against them.
It must be made clear to Wedley and Wilcox that their sort will not be tolerated. It is bad enough that some people name others to the police when under interrogation - but to actually give evidence against another activist in court is disgraceful behaviour of the most reprehensible kind. It is behaviour which must be stamped out if we are not to have the spectre of the 'supergrass' hovering over our movement.
Local animal liberation campaigners no longer want anything to do with Wedley and Wilcox but many ALF supporters will no doubt feel that strong action needs to be taken as a punishment and as a deterrent to others who may be tempted to grass.



JTK

Fur Coats

Despite the various anti-fur campaigns now underway, a Saturday afternoon walk down any high street reveals just how many of these obscene garments are being flaunted by perverts who deserve all the hassle we can give them. Spitting and verbal assault are very effective and gradually these cretins will begin to expect trouble each time they step out in their stolen coats. What will make them think even more, as with all animal exploiters, is a touch of economic sabotage and, with this in mind, a careful squirt of battery acid from a syringe on the back of the coat will have the desired effect. Unlike paint it is not immediately noticeable but will shortly cause a large bald patch. Great care is required in handling battery acid which should be drawn into the syringe from the battery and then the battery should be topped up to ensure further supplies.
Happy squirting!

Bournemouth

THANK YOU to the ladies who bravely walked through Croydon wearing only their underwear - they were sponsored to do so to raise money for the SG.

AND thank you to SG member Tibet who has released a compilation record 'Devastate to Liberate' featuring various contemporary/punk bands. All profits will be donated to the SG. If its not available at your local record store you can get it by sending £5 cash or a cheque or postal order (made payable to 'I. Ducasse') to BM Wound, London, WC1N 3XX. The record is distributed by Rough Trade and the Cartel.

AS A PROTEST?

So often, in reports of ALF activities, we read that the activists carried out the rescue of animals, caused damage etc. as a protest against the persecution or cruel treatment of animals.

Sometimes the media automatically inserts the word 'protest' but more often than not it comes from the activists themselves in their claim of responsibility. So what is protest? According to my dictionary, the relevant meaning would be "statement of dissent or disapproval" or a "remonstrance". Is this really what the ALF is, or should be, all about? To my mind the answer is, quite definitely, "no". Should ALF attacks which cause hundreds of thousands of pounds damage annually to property connected with animal abuse be regarded merely as a "statement of disapproval"? Is the rescue of thousands of animals every year from vivisection, factory farming and other cruelties only a "remonstrance".

A protest is an action which calls upon somebody else to do something. To protest against vivisection, for instance, is to call upon the vivisectors to give up, or upon the government to outlaw the cruel practice. And, in the end, protest is powerless because, if ignored, it can take the situation no further - as it always relies upon the actions of others, and not the protestors, to bring about change.

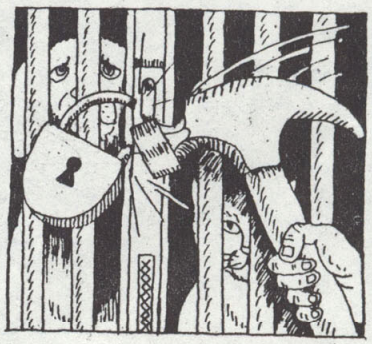
To be truly effective ALF action must go beyond, and be seen (especially by those who carry it out) to go beyond, mere acts of protest. The ALF must exist, and see itself to exist, not just as another protest group but as an organisation whose actions are intended to directly bring about change.

Animals should always be rescued whenever possible, but the main aim of ALF actions must not be protest, but economic sabotage.

Actions carried out, not for the sake of their own effect, but as some kind of adjunct to political campaigning are doomed eventually to failure. This is because the 'needs' of the political campaign will decree that the action falls short of what is truly effective. Thus we have the spectacle of activists entering laboratories and other animal abuse centres to cause only 'limited damage' and just to take documents and photographs when the whole place could have been torn to pieces. Fools, are you proud of your restraint? Pleased that you did not 'go too far', so that political ambitionists can once again ride upon your backs? Are you happy to have wasted a golden opportunity?

To be truly effective direct action must be carried out not as a protest, a publicity stunt or as a boost to a political campaign, but as an act of sabotage for the sake of its own effect.

Not 'minimum damage' but maximum destruction.



Captain Kirk

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE HENS

"Cluck Cluck — Bye Bye"

ON 24TH OCTOBER 11 ALF MEMBERS LIBERATED 98 CHICKENS BEING KEPT IN BATTERY CAGES AT WARRINER SCHOOL, BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE. THIS WAS THE ENTIRE STOCK OF HENS BEING KEPT IN BATTERY CAGES AT THE SCHOOL. THE ACTIVISTS DROVE ACROSS A PLAYING FIELD AND CUT DOWN A FENCE BEFORE BREAKING OPEN THE REAR DOOR OF THE BATTERY SHED. EVERY SINGLE CHICKEN WAS TAKEN AND THEN THE CAGES WERE SYSTEMATICALLY DESTROYED USING WIRE CUTTERS. BEFORE LEAVING THE ACTIVISTS SPRAYED ANIMAL LIBERATION SLOGANS ON FARM BUILDINGS AND SPRAYED "CLUCK CLUCK - BYE BYE" ON THE BROKEN DOOR THROUGH WHICH THE CHICKENS LEFT. THE SCHOOL WERE INFORMED THAT, SHOULD THE HENS BE REPLACED, THE ALF WOULD RETURN. THE SCHOOL BATTERY UNIT HAS NOW BEEN CLOSED DOWN. - International Rescue.

There will be no more battery caged hens at Bloxham's Warriner School, governors decided last week.

The decision was taken at a special meeting of school governors last week, following widespread publicity after the recent raid by the Animal Liberation Front in which nearly 100 laying hens were stolen

The ALF threatened to repeat the raid if the school replaced the hens, and governors felt that this threat must be taken seriously.

It was decided by a 13-2 majority that the battery should not be re-stocked.

BANBURY FOCUS

School farm is raided

ANIMAL libbers have raided a school farm to free 100 chickens.

The Animal Liberation Front claim the featherless birds were packed two or three to a tiny cage at Bloxham Warriner School in Banbury, Oxfordshire.

A spokesman for the group said: "Schools should teach respect for animals."

The RSPCA has also condemned the battery unit. Inspector John Callaghan said: "The battery system is cruel."

Sunday Mirror

Raid leads to end of battery

There will be no more battery hens at Warriner School, Bloxham.

Governors decided not to restock the school's battery hen unit, which was raided last month by animal liberation activists.

The school's head has backed the governors saying he never liked the battery system which was introduced in 1971.

The battery hen system at the school, near Banbury, hit the headlines last month when members of the Animal Liberation Front — said to be acting on a tip-off from pupils — stole all 98 hens in a night raid.

But this week governors decided by 13 votes to two not to restock the battery.

"The threat to break in again should the battery be restocked must be taken seriously," said the governors.

"Although 95 per cent of eggs sold in this country are produced in batteries, there is a strong tide of public opinion running against such units and it is only proper to acknowledge this."

The Oxford Times

Animal liberationists raided a North Oxfordshire school after an alleged tip-off from pupils.

Almost 100 battery hens were stolen from the farm unit at Warriners School, Bloxham, near Banbury, and slogans were daubed on the walls.

The message left by the Animal Liberation Front, on the door they forced to get in, read: "Cluck Cluck — Bye Bye".

And a letter sent to The Oxford Times claimed members were acting on information supplied by schoolchildren.

It stated: "Pupils at Warriners School had informed the ALF about the unit and the suffering of the hens kept there . . .

"Every battery chicken at the unit was rescued. Should they be replaced, then we will return."

The Front said their investigations into conditions at the unit revealed featherless chickens and two to three crammed into one tiny cage.

But school head Michael Ruddock accused the ALF of gross exaggeration, "typical of the emotional stuff put out by them."

He said the RSPCA had visited the battery on several occasions following complaints and had given it the all-clear.

But Mr John Callaghan, the RSPCA schools officer said he wanted to correct the impression given by Mr Ruddock that the RSPCA had given the "thumbs up" to the battery.

"They are fed and watered and are getting all their legal minimum requirements. But that is all," said Mr Callaghan.

"We are opposed to all forms of intensive farming which deprive animals of the freedom to move around, to eat and drink properly and enjoy natural daylight."

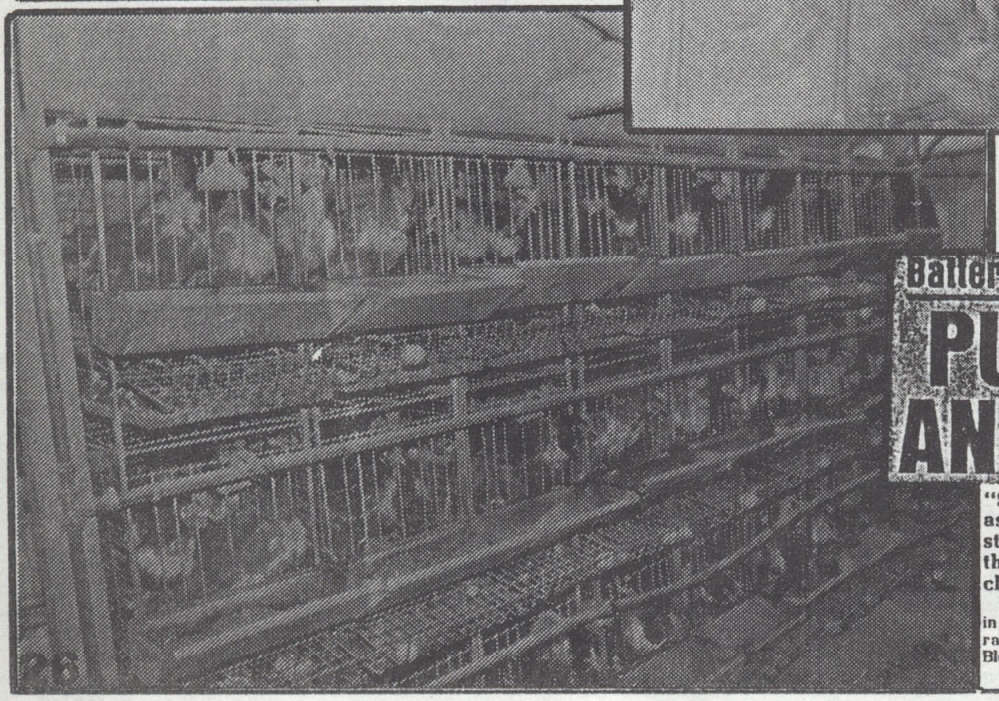
Mr Callaghan said this particularly applied to schools where pupils were in danger of believing that a battery was an acceptable method of keeping poultry.

He said that, following complaints from parents, he had tried to persuade the school to stop the battery method.

"We had a sensible reasoned argument but we could not resolve our differences," said Mr Callaghan.

The Oxford Times





LEFT - The school battery unit.
ABOVE - Two of the hens awaiting their rescue.
(Photos by ALF)

Battery chickens freed in night raid

PUPILS TIP OFF ANIMAL RAIDERS

"SICKENED" schoolkids asked animal libbers to steal battery hens from their school, the thieves claim.

Nearly 100 hens were freed in last week's commando-style raid at Warriner School, Bloxham.

A wire fence was cut and a door smashed during the after-dark "rescue" at the rural studies centre.

"The kids were sickened by the birds' suffering, and our members were only too glad to help," said a spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front.

BANBURY CAKE

The chickens disappeared on Thursday night during a raid by Animal Liberation Front activists who had been told of their alleged suffering by pupils at the school.

Headmaster Mike Ruddock insisted that the RSPCA had visited the rural studies unit at the site and had found nothing wrong with the conditions in which they were kept.

But in a press statement the ALF claimed they had found featherless chickens, crammed two and three to a tiny cage with a sloping floor and that pupils were being forced to work with the animals.

And RSPCA inspector John Callaghan said they were totally opposed to the battery system and made that clear to the school as long ago as June this year.

At that time Mr Callaghan sent a letter to the head of agriculture, David Hoad, following earlier visits, underlining that the RSPCA could not accept the battery system.

Mr Ruddock explained that the raiders had come across the school playing fields, broken a fence and a door to get at the chickens and then sprayed slogans on the walls.

"No complaints have ever been made to myself or Mr Hoad about the conditions", he added.

The ALF in their statement accused the school of not teaching respect for animals and have said that if the chickens are replaced they will raid the site again.

Banbury Guardian



Activists removing the hens from the cages.



The hens were put into boxes to be taken from the premises. (Photos by ALF)

Banbury Guardian

Headmaster incorrect

SIR — Mr Ruddock, headmaster of Warriner School is incorrect in stating in the *Banbury Guardian* last week that no complaints have ever been made about the condition of the hens in the battery unit.

Following complaints by Warriner School pupils at an RSPCA stall in Banbury I wrote to Mr Ruddock on March 25, 1984, and was subsequently invited to be shown the battery unit on April 5, 1984. On this visit I personally complained about the battery hen unit to Mr Hoad, head of the farm unit and I have also complained to a school governor.

In the past I have had letters and even photographs sent to me of the battery hens by pupils unhappy seeing the hens imprisoned in their small cages where they cannot stretch their wings, exercise, walk, fly, perch, dustbathe, ground scratch, make nests or carry out any of their instinctive activities.

The hens at the school meet all the legal minimum requirements, but if hens were to be protected under the Protection of Birds Act 1954, a hen would have to be given at least *eight* times the space at present allowed to it! This Act makes it an offence to keep any bird, apart from chickens, whether it can fly or not, in a cage which is too small for it to spread out its wings.

If a high street pet shop had kept a bird in a condition similar to the Warriner School, it would be prosecuted for cruelty. The RSPCA is totally opposed to the battery hen system, including the one at the Warriners School.

Banbury Animal Rights Group fully supports this action carried out by the Animal Liberation Front. — **Roy Parker, Chairman, Banbury Animal Rights Group,**

Complaints were made

SIR — With reference to the incident at the Warriner School when the chickens were rescued from the small cages, Mr Ruddock has been quoted as saying that pupils have not complained to the teachers about the state of the birds.

This is simply not true. My own children are among many that have complained about factory farming at the school. In fact rural studies are compulsory in the first year and the children are always told by Mr Hoad to write an essay on battery chickens and I know for certain that most of them are opposed to the system and say so.

Mr Ruddock is also reported to have said that parents have not complained. Well, I certainly have on many occasions. — **Catherine E. Fulton, RSPCA Auxiliary Secretary, Banbury Area, St John's Way, Hempton.**

Banbury Guardian

Unlawful acts achieve more

SIR — As a Warriner School pupil, I was pleased to read the reports in local papers about the raid on the battery unit at my school.

Over the years my friends and myself, as well as many others, have complained to teachers about the hens having to live in such conditions. Our peaceful protests through the proper channels didn't help at all; this episode would seem to show that unlawful actions achieve more.

I do hope that after all the publcity, the school will not be allowed to re-establish a battery unit even alongside a deep litter system. It surely can't be right to inflict cruelty on any creature, even if it is designed to show that one system is cruel and another is not, which is what Mr Ruddock seemed to suggest.

As far as I'm concerned, The Warriner, a really good school, will be even better without its battery hens. — **A Fifth Form Pupil. (Name and address supplied.)**

Banbury Guardian

ALF raid supported

SIR — I was appalled to read in the *Banbury Guardian* (October 31) that the Warriner School at Bloxham is running a battery hen unit.

How can a headmaster and school governors justify keeping birds caged up in such cruel conditions solely to teach the pupils how eggs are produced — especially as they are not shown any alternatives to the battery unit. Why can't video films or slides be used to illustrate the various systems of modern egg production?

I fully support the ALF raid on this school and the way in which this cruelty has been exposed to local ratepayers and parents and I sincerely hope no more hens will be subjected to torture under this digusting system in future at the Warriner School. — **E. A. Green.**

Banbury Guardian

Fur Shop Surrenders

A fur shop owner has agreed to stop selling furs, as a direct result of the ALF attacks on his premises.

The actions against Pederson & Becker Ltd., of the Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells in Kent, started last December when superglue was poured into the locks, both front and back. "ALF" and "Fur is Murder" were among the slogans sprayed on the front window and back alcove. Then, on the night of March 31st this year the front door was glued again and an 'April Fool' note was pushed under the door. In August "Fur is Murder", "ALF" and "Becker is Scum" was sprayed in red paint on the pavement outside the shop. Finally, in September, three of the four windows of the shop were smashed with bricks (costing £2,000 to repair the damage).

The broken windows were the last straw for Becker. He wrote to the ALF and in his letter he stated "If I am given guarantees from the ALF I would consider going over to artificial furs" and he asked for someone to contact him to discuss it.

ART (Animal Rights Tonbridge - now known as West Kent Animal Rights) had staged a sit-in and a leafletting session at the shop at the beginning of the year and we contacted a member of the ART group about the letter we had received from Becker. The member consequently visited Becker at his shop. He gave Becker a comprehensive run-down on the anti-fur campaign, from the 'endangered species' campaign of the World Wildlife Fund to the ALFs opposition to exploitation regardless of scarcity or numerousness. He explained the structure and policies of the ALF. The philosophical differences between the fur trade and the opposition to it weren't discussed in depth, both realising the impossibility of changing the others point of view.

Becker has got notes in the window saying he no longer sells fur. He's got 4 fur coats on the 'for sale' rack but he intends to get them up to London as soon as possible to other traders. He's got about 4 or 5 other furs in stock for various reasons (storage, repair and valuation). He's now planning to divert his trade elsewhere by dissuading those involved - although this could take a while because he has long-standing customers.

Becker wrote to the RSPCA and queried their attitude towards sheepskin and leather coats. In addition to making it clear that the RSPCA does not condone violent activities against animal exploiters their reply also made it clear that they see such goods in a different light to furs, on the basis that they are the secondary produce of the abattoir. Becker also queried the RSPCAs attitude to repair work and storage of fur coats. The RSPCA made it clear that they were not keen on <u>any</u> involvement in the fur trade. Becker told our ART friend that he would be cutting out all involvement in new <u>and</u> used fur coats as soon as possible because he didn't want the possibility of another extremist attack on his premises just because he was still dealing with the storage/repair work.

He is now stocking Astraka fake furs.

He's not going to put any effort into establishing who was responsible for the breakages but he promised that he'd do his utmost to trace them if his windows were put in again once he'd stopped selling furs.

Black Vixen

Furs go in shop plea for peace

A TUNBRIDGE Wells shopkeeper, whose Pantiles premises have repeatedly been a target for the Animal Liberation Front, is giving up selling real furs.

Mr Peter Becker, owner of Pedersen and Becker Ltd, where ALF caused £2,000-worth of damage last month, said this week: "I have had enough. I simply cannot afford to be vandalised any more.

"But in any case, public opinion seems to be going against the idea of wearing fur so I have decided not to deal in it."

Mr Becker has written to ALF, at an address given by the RSPCA, and asked them: "Would you please put one of your group leaders in touch with me, as our fur shop has been the target, not only of demonstrations, but of violent attack.

GUARANTEE CALL

"If I am given guarantees from the ALF I would consider going over to artificial furs, but I do not wish to take this drastic step unless I am assured that the shop will be left in peace."

The letter was written a few days after Mr Becker's shop windows were smashed and damage caused to goods on display, but he has received no reply.

He also wrote to the RSPCA and their reply states: "The RSPCA is totally opposed to any action outside the law in furtherance of animals and we condemn those who attacked your shop . . . these incidences undermine the efforts of the association to achieve change through peaceful means."

The association says it has never objected to sheepskin and leather garments because these are a by-product of the food chain. Mr Becker deals mainly in leather goods and sheepskins.

"If ALF think they have scored a victory by my withdrawal from the fur trade, then let them think that," said Mr Becker, "but I cannot risk losing business by their actions. It is impossible for the police to patrol the area all the time".

Courier (Tunbridge Wells)

Press Officer

The ALF has a new Midlands Press Officer - Mark Houghton. SG members will remember Mark from the last newsletter (Letters Page) when he wrote to us from the confines of prison where he was serving a sentence for causing damage to meat lorries.



ETCHING FLUID

ALF activists have discovered a new 'weapon' which has successfully been used in some areas and will soon doubtless catch on in others.

Sheffield ALF initiated the idea when they squirted 'etching fluid' over more than fifty windows in the city in a continuation of their campaign against House of Fraser stores which have Edelson Fur depts. The stores attacked were Rackhams and Cole Bros. The fluid eats into the glass.

Following the stir that this caused, the ALF in Merseyside used etching fluid on travel agencies where tickets were on sale for circuses using animals and the windows had to be replaced. There was also success with it in Stirling in Scotland when the windows of two bloodsports shops and a fur shop had to be renewed after slogans were written on them with the etching fluid. Then a dairy van had its windscreen doused with the fluid in London. The windscreens are particularly good targets, since they have to be replaced before the vehicles can be driven.

Glass etching fluid is available from craft and fine art shops. A small bottle costs about £3 but the expense is well worth it when one considers the reduction of risk to an activist using it - there is none of the noise that a catapult or brick creates.

Laura Etchley

JUNE

Early June - WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM - Incubator used to rear rats for dissection destroyed at High School.
TAUNTON, SOMERSET - £8,700 damage done to lorries & trailers belonging to meat trade haulage firm (Langdon Industries Ltd.).

June 1st - POMMELSBRUNN, W. GERMANY - £2,500 damage done to premises & vehicles of wild animal dealer.

2nd - COVENTRY, W. MIDLANDS - Walls of dairy sprayed with slogans.

3rd - SALISBURY, WILTS - 14 premises displaying posters for an animal circus sprayed with slogans.

6th - HORTON, BERKS - About 150,000 trout freed from nets at Kingsmead Fish Farm.

9th - DULWICH, SE. LONDON - Red paint thrown over home of Dr. Brian Meldrum - does cruel experiments on monkeys at Institute of Psychiatry.

Somerset County Gazette
Taunton

£8,700 ATTACK

MEMBERS of the Animal Liberation Front are believed to have been responsible for an attack on a Taunton haulage firm, causing £8,700-worth of damage.

Lorries owned by Langdon Industries Limited, of Walford Cross, were vandalised and "Meat is Murder" and the initials "ALF" painted on trailers.

The company, set up 25 years ago, has some customers in the meat trade.

South London News

Doctor's home daubed

RED paint was poured over the front door of a research worker at the Institute of Psychiatry last week — and the Animal Liberation Front phoned the News to say they had done it.

Dr Brian Meldrum, who carries out research into epilepsy was abroad at the time and his wife was left to clean up the mess at their house in South Croxted Road, Herne Hill.

11th - WELWYN GARDEN CITY, HERTS - Direction signs for Sir Robert Fossetts (animal) circus removed & 'cancelled' signs put over posters.

13th - ALDERSHOT, HANTS - Hundreds of pounds worth of damage done to cars at Subaru main dealers (Garland Motors) as Subaru were sponsoring Surrey Country Sports Fair (a bloodsports event).

14th - SEVEN KINGS, ESSEX - Slogans painted on Homecare DIY Centre against sale of weedkillers, poisonous to wildlife.

15th - EWELL, SURREY - Slogans daubed on animal house at North East Surrey College of Technology, where painful experiments take place.

Mid June - STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS - 20 hens rescued from battery farm.
MALMO, SWEDEN - 2 beagles rescued from cruel experiments at a dental school. Slogans sprayed.
LUTON, BEDS - About £3,000 damage done to meat lorries at Benbow Frozen Foods.

16th - NORTHERN ENGLAND - Over 30 windows smashed at House of Fraser owned department stores because of companys policy of having fur depts. Attacks were in Manchester, Altrincham, Blackpool, Doncaster, Leeds & Harrogate.

17th - REDHILL, SURREY - Rodney Ellis, involved in vivisection at Beechams, had his front door daubed with red paint & 'Animal Murderer' painted on his front garden fence.

20th - WAREHAM, DORSET - Slogans sprayed on walls & school vehicles at Purbeck School because of dissection taking place there.

25th - ST. ALBANS, HERTS - Home of dog-fighter Sean Watters daubed, locks glued & paint poured through letterbox.
LIVERPOOL - Windows smashed of 3 travel agencies selling tickets for Gandeys (animal) circus.

26th - SHERBORNE, DORSET - 9 white rats rescued from dissection at Sherborne School. Slogans sprayed.
WIGPOOL, GLOS - Slogans sprayed at Daylay Eggs battery farm.

27th - STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN - 11 fur shops had locks glued & slogans daubed.
BORDEN, KENT - £20,000 damage done in arson attack on large sheds at Wents Farm. Were to be used for factory farming pigs.

28th - RUGBY, WARWICKS - Van belonging to fish trader & van belonging to halal butcher paintstripped, sprayed with slogans & had windscreens damaged with glass cutter.

ANIMAL Rights campaigners today (Thursday) claimed responsibility for causing hundreds of pounds' worth of damage to cars parked on a garage forecourt — because the firm for which they are dealers is sponsoring an event which attackers claim supports blood sports.

The letters "ALF" were sprayed on some vehicles and paint stripper was used to scar the coachwork of others. The cars belong to brothers Roy and Terry Garland, who together run Garland Motors, of Waterloo Road, Aldershot.

The vandalism took place early this morning. Later, a man claiming to represent the Animal Liberation Front telephoned the "News".

He told a reporter: "The ALF has a policy of direct action against companies which support any form of animal exploitation.

"Garland are sponsoring an event at the end of the month which supports blood sports. Unless they change their policy towards blood sports, we will also attack their other two properties."

The man — who was well spoken and sounded elderly — refused to say to which event he was referring.

Subaru, for whom Garlands are dealers, is sponsoring a Surrey country sports fair at Bramley, near Godalming, later this month.

Farnborough News & Mail

Animal group hits lorries

A GROUP claiming to be members of the Animal Liberation Front caused thousands of pounds worth of damage last week to lorries.

The lorries, belonging to Benbow Frozen Foods, of Crescent Road, Luton, were daubed with slogans, had their locks glued up and paint stripper put on them.

A company spokesman estimated that £3,000 worth of damage was caused in the attack.

— Dunstable Gazette —

ANIMAL liberationists have again attacked the home of a Beecham's employee.

On Monday night, red paint was poured on the doorstep of the Redhill home of Mr Rodney Ellis who works as a laboratory technician at the Beecham Great Burgh bioscience research centre in Yew Tree Bottom Road, Epsom Downs.

The words "An animal murderer lives here," were also daubed on the fence of the house.

A month ago the car of another Beecham's employee was damaged in a similar attack.

The Animal Liberation Front, who want all experiments on animals altered, have claimed responsibility.

Northampton Chronicle & Echo

Farm 'raided'

POLICE investigating claims that battery chicken farm at Spratton Grange raided by animal rights protesters.

In Press statement Animal Liberation Front say 70 hens freed and "large amount" of eggs smashed at farm on A50. Further action threatened.

Banstead Advertiser

Animal libbers attack home

29th - WARTON, LANCS - 800 quail rescued from a battery & broiler farm (Fayre Game Ltd.). Later rehabilitated back to the wild.
SPRATTON GRANGE, NORTHANTS - 70 hens rescued & 100 dozen eggs smashed in raid on battery farm.

30th - SWANAGE, DORSET - 4 fishing nets & 7 lobster pots damaged.

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Also in June - Over 40 butchers/meat shops damaged in SOUTH HUMBERSIDE, DUNSTABLE, WOBURN SANDS (BEDS), COVENTRY, WIGAN, MITCHAM (SURREY), LONDON, EASTBOURNE, ENFIELD (MIDDX), HASTINGS, SUTTON COLDFIELD (W. MIDLANDS), LEEDS, BIRMINGHAM, FOLKESTONE, TRING (HERTS), HARPENDEN (HERTS), CHESHAM, AMERSHAM, CHALKWELL (ESSEX), NOTTINGHAM, BERKHAMSTED, NORTHCHURCH (HERTS).

Fur & leather shops damaged in COPENHAGEN (DENMARK), LONDON, SOUTHAMPTON & HARPENDEN.

Kentucky Fried Chicken shops damaged in SOUTH HUMBERSIDE & WIGAN.

Angling shops damaged in LEEDS & BIRKENHEAD.

A Wimpey Bar in LEEDS was damaged on two occasions & there were attacks on a McDonalds (LANCASTER), a fishmongers (LEEDS) & a branch of Boots in HARPENDEN.

JULY

Throughout July - DERBYS & LANCS - 60 shooting butts damaged in several raids on grouse moors.

July 5th - MORECAMBE, LANCS - 40 rats & mice rescued from experiments at Lancaster & Morecambe College.

7th - NORTHMOOR, OXON - Raid by Central Animal Liberation League on Oxford University lab. animal holding centre. Over 30 dogs rescued.
HORTON, BERKS - £3,000 worth of fish freed in another raid on Kingsmead Fish Farm.

8th - SOUTHAMPTON - 6 windows smashed at Medical Sciences building of university, where painful experiments take place.

10th - PENRITH, CUMBRIA - Raid on Ministry of Agriculture laboratory - 3 hens & 42 mice rescued,

11th - PARIS, FRANCE - Bear rescued from small cage by group calling themselves 'Victor Hugo'.

13th - HAMMERSMITH, W. LONDON - Dairy van paint-stripped & tyres punctured. Signs on dairy paintstripped.
WIMBORNE, DORSET - Butchers van paintstripped.

16th - SHREWLEY COMMON, WARWICKS - Slogans daubed on sheds at broiler unit.
MANCHESTER - 2 vans belonging to pet shop daubed with slogans.
LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS - 7 butchers shops daubed & locks glued. Butchers van paint-stripped.

18th - BATTLESBRIDGE, ESSEX - £10,000 damage done in raid on offices at Tucks lab. animal breeding centre.

19th - NORTHMOOR, OXON - 3 beagles & Old English sheepdog re-rescued after being recovered by police followirg CALL raid on July 7th.

21st - NORTH HERTS/SOUTH BEDS - Night of action against butchers/meat shops. 7 shops in HITCHIN, LETCHWORTH, BALDOCK & SHEFFORD had windows smashed.

22nd - SOUTHBORNE, DORSET - Squirrel trap removed from a back garden.

25th - SCUNTHORPE, W. AUSTRALIA - 4 rats, due to be gassed & used for dissection, rescued from Foxhills comprehensive school.

26th - TOTTERIDGE, N. LONDON - Attack at home of poultry ritual slaughterhouse boss Joseph Cole. Red paint thrown on door, 2 new cars paintstripped.

29th - CLEETHORPES, HUMBERSIDE - Over 40 shops displaying posters for Gandeys circus sprayed with slogans.



Chicken man's home attacked

ANIMAL rights campaigners have claimed responsibility for an attack on the Totteridge home of poulterer Joseph Cole.

Raiders plastered the house in Totteridge Green with red paint late on Thursday night.

Two new cars parked in the drive were covered with paint stripper.

Animal rights sources said Mr Cole owned a slaughterhouse in the East End.

An ALF spokesman told this newspaper that three activists carried out the 12.35 am attack, and described the action as "successful". She threatened that further actions could follow.

Hendon Times

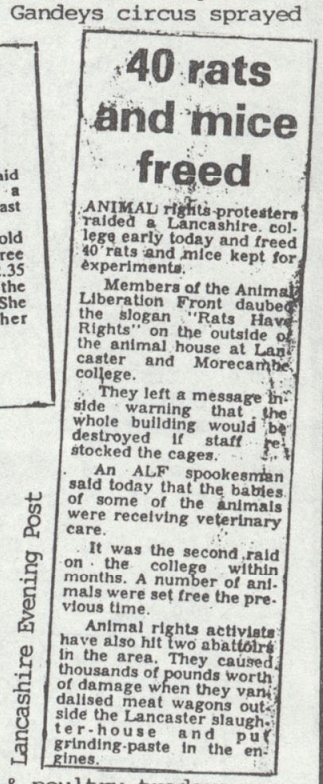


The LONDON STANDARD

Dog fight man's home daubed

ANIMAL rights protesters have attacked the home of Richard Hossell, jailed earlier this week for his part in an illegal dog fight. The words: "Sadist killer" and "dog murderer" were daubed in red and black paint over the walls of the Chequers pub at Potters Bar, Hertfordshire.

The Animal Liberation Front claimed to have carried out the attack as revenge for the dog destroyed after the fight and "to add our terms to his sentence."



Lancashire Evening Post

40 rats and mice freed

ANIMAL rights protesters raided a Lancashire college early today and freed 40 rats and mice kept for experiments.

Members of the Animal Liberation Front daubed the slogan "Rats Have Rights" on the outside of the animal house at Lancaster and Morecambe college.

They left a message inside warning that the whole building would be destroyed if staff restocked the cages.

An ALF spookesman said today that the babies of some of the animals were receiving veterinary care.

It was the second raid on the college within months. A number of animals were set free the previous time.

Animal rights activists have also hit two abattoirs in the area. They caused thousands of pounds worth of damage when they vandalised meat wagons outside the Lancaster slaughter-house and put grinding-paste in the engines.

30th - RUGBY, WARWICKS - Fish & poultry traders van sprayed with slogans.

Late July - CENTRAL LONDON - Front of offices of Cancer Research Campaign splattered with red paint.

QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA - Locks glued & slogans painted at Wellcome labs. Slogans painted on vehicles & Big Top slashed at Perry Bros. Circus (performing animals).

Other damage in July - Over 40 butchers/meat shops in BIRMINGHAM, GLASGOW, LONDON, NOTTINGHAM, DOVER, COLEFORD (GLOS), BROADSTONE (DORSET), SOUTHEND, TELFORD, POOLE, QUEENSLAND (AUSTRALIA), WESTERN AUSTRALIA, BRIDGE OF WEIR, JOHNSTONE & KILBARCHAN (SCOTLAND).

Fur/leather shops in STOCKHOLM (SWEDEN), NOTTINGHAM & QUEENSLAND.

Fishing tackle shops in NOTTINGHAM & PRAA SANDS (CORNWALL).

AUGUST

Early August - QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA - Damage caused to electrical equipment at meat works.

August 1st - POTTERS BAR, HERTS - Home of convicted dog-fighter Richard Hossell daubed with slogans.
RUGBY, WARWICKS - Slogans painted on walls & on delivery van at Rooke & Whalley meat centre (where window was also smashed.
COVENTRY, W. MIDLANDS - Paintstripper thrown over halal butchers van.
NOTTINGHAM - Starving dog rescued from cruel home.

4th - SHEFFIELD, S. YORKS - 5 large plate glass windows of Cole Bros. store smashed because of fur dept. there.

6th - THAMES DITTON, SURREY - Attack on Guy Salmon Garage which had hired cars to the police to follow animal rights activists. 11 new XJS Jaguars paintstripped. About £40,000 damage.

7th - CHRISTCHURCH, DORSET - Fish stall daubed with slogans & £5.000 damage to 2 fish delivery vans.
BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA - Raid on Royal Brisbane Hospital lab. animal house. 200 mice & 4 rabbits rescued by Action for Animals. Damage done to equipment. Slogans painted.

8th - THE WIRRAL, MERSEYSIDE - Windows smashed of 3 travel agencies selling tickets for an animal circus.

ANIMAL FRONT IN TWO RAIDS

THE ANIMAL Liberation Front has struck twice in a few days, in Frant at the weekend and Cross in Hand on Tuesday night.

The ALF claimed responsibility for a weekend break-in and vandalism at Grange Farm, Frant, which they said "constantly vivisects and tortures" livestock.

The farm is owned by the Wellcome Foundation, one of Britains' largest pharmaceutical companies.

ALF said documents and three rounds of ammunition had been taken, chemicals were tipped onto the floors and a tractor damaged.

Police confirmed the farm had been burgled between 7pm on Saturday and 8am on Sunday and damage done. They also reported the ALF symbol had been sprayed on one of the walls.

On Tuesday night at Porcellus Animal Breeders Ltd, Firgrove Road, Cross in Hand, slogans were daubed on the doors in red spray paint and the words "smash vivisection" written on the breeding sheds and "scum" on the concrete driveway.

The tyres of a van were slashed and paint stripper poured on its sides. Police estimated damage at £1,200.

Porcellus rears animals for use at Wellcome Foundation laboratories in London.

Another anonymous statement to the Courier threatened further "reprisals" against the company.

Tunbridge Wells Courier



Holcombe hunt van destroyed by fire. (Photo: Bolton Evening News/Lancashire Journal)

Daily Telegraph

FIRE ATTACK ON HUNT KENNELS

Animal rights protesters claimed responsibility for an arson attack on hunt kennels near Bury, Greater Manchester, today. A truck was destroyed by fire, a car covered in paint stripper, and slogans dabbed on buildings of the kennels at Kirklees belonging to the Holcombe Hunt. No dogs were there at the time.

A man claiming to be an Animal Liberation Front spokesman claimed responsibility for the attack in a telephone call to a local radio station. Police said damage was estimated at £1,500.

9th - BIRKENHEAD, MERSEYSIDE - Second attack in 2 days on circus travel agency. Door & windows smashed.

FALMER, E. SUSSEX - 2 vehicles damaged at Sussex University Biology dept. (cruel experiments).
NEW BASFORD, NOTTS - Thousands of pounds damage done to vehicles at garage belonging to butchery firm Pork Farms.

10th - SOUTH LONDON - Wholesale meat van paintstripped & 3 windows smashed.

11th - FRANT, E. SUSSEX - Raid on Grange Farm where experiments are done on farm animals. Tractor damaged, slogans sprayed, documents taken.

13th - CROSS-IN-HAND, E. SUSSEX - Raid on Porcellus lab. animal breeders. Slogans daubed, vans paintstripped & tyres slashed.

14th - WOLVERTON, BUCKS - Window broken of solicitors firm involved in prosecution of animal rights activists.

15th - SALISBURY, WILTS - Imperial Meat Co. lorry daubed with 'Murderers'.

17th - BJARSHOG, SWEDEN - Hundreds of mink released from fur farm. Many of those remaining had pelts sprayed with red dye to make them valueless. Cages destroyed, slogans sprayed.
SCUNTHORPE, W. AUSTRALIA - Anti-dissection slogans painted at college.

19th - HOUSTON, RENFREWSHIRE, SCOTLAND - Pick-up truck & Landrover paintstripped at kennels of Lanarkshire & Renfrewshire Foxhounds.
RAMSGATE, KENT - Penns fishmongers van paintstripped & tyres slashed. 3 large vans paintstripped at Thanet Meat Co. Transit van used to transport racing pigeons paintstripped.

20th - WESTERN AUSTRALIA - 5 locks of entertainment centre filled with metallic cement - fur sale due to take place there.

21st - KIRKLEES, GTR. MANCHESTER - Attack at Holcombe Hunt Kennels. Pick up truck destroyed by fire, car paintstripped. Slogans daubed on buildings.
WESTERN AUSTRALIA - Meat truck daubed with slogans & locks glued. Same thing done at meat works.

22nd - ECCLESFIELD, S. YORKS - Raid on kennels of Ecclesfield Hunt. 28 beagles taken.

23rd - HANGERSLEY, HANTS - 1,500 mink released from Nine Oaks fur farm. Several vehicles paintstripped & slogans daubed on walls.

24th - TRURO, CORNWALL - Damage done to equipment at Ministry of Agriculture vivisection lab.

25th - SHEFFIELD, S. YORKS - Glass etching fluid used to damage windows at Cole Bros. & Rackhams stores - because of fur depts. there.

26th - WRINGTON, AVON - £10,000 damage done to buildings in fire attack at pig unit.

27th - NEWENT, GLOS - Raid on Mary Rose Eggs battery farm. 7 vehicles damaged, eggs smashed, slogans painted on walls, 60 hens rescued.

29th - LONG MARSTON, WARWICKS - 2 lorries & a car belonging to Reids Egg Farm damaged by fire.

31st - POOLE, DORSET - Paintstripper attack on vehicles belonging to Austen Bros. circus.

Late August - BURNT OAK, MIDDX - Window smashed of Cancer Research shop. Halal meat van paintstripped & sugar in tank.
LUTON, BEDS - F. Frohwein & Sons kosher abattoir had several windows broken.

Also in August - KETTERING, NORTHANTS - Slogans & red paint daubed over 5 lorries, a bus & a van belonging to Prime Cut Meat Products.

Butchers shops & meat shops damaged in LEICS, NORTHANTS, DORSET, LONDON, BEDS, ESSEX, LANCS, KENT & W. MIDLANDS

Attacks on fur shops in KETTERING, LONDON, QUEENSLAND, COLCHESTER.

Shops with circus posters damaged in BOURNEMOUTH & DAWLISH (DEVON).

Attacks on Boots (WINTON, DORSET), a fishmongers (SEDGLEY, W. MIDLANDS) & a fishing tackle shop, a bookmakers & a bad pet shop in LONDON.

Chicken Take Away shops attacked in LEEDS & QUEENSLAND.

Hens freed in raid on egg farm

ANIMAL liberationists have caused around £5,000 worth of damage in a raid on an egg farm at Newent.

They broke into Mary Rose Eggs, daubed slogans over lorries and cars and "freed" around 100 chickens from their cages.

But in an anonymous telephone call the Animal Liberation Front claimed the hens were "now in good homes."

In a statement the radical organisation said: "The struggle for animal liberation will go on until every creature can live out its life in freedom."

Mr Stallard discovered the raid when he went to work on Thursday morning.

"They've caused about £4,000 or £5,000 worth of damage. They put paint stripper on the vehicles, pulled off windscreen wipers and aerials and painted their slogans. I don't know why they raided us," he said.

The Hereford Times

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE will be the theme of the next newsletter. Will supporters in other countries please make an effort to send articles, letters, press cuttings, photos and reports - anything relating to direct action for animals in your respective country?

STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...STOP PRESS...

As we go to press, Weds. 11th Dec., Rackhams store in Sheffield city centre is in total chaos. Sheffield ALF planted a timed incendiary device in the furniture department which ignited at 12.15 this morning. The sprinkler system has flooded the entire store, ceilings are collapsing, there's no electricity working and stocks are ruined. The police (who have attempted to prevent all local ALF publicity recently) and firemen are desperately trying to convince the local media that the fire was started accidentally by a cigarette end. The press know the police are lying, because of all the evidence and local reporters are currently embarrassing police with awkward questions that they can't answer.

Rackhams will continue to be attacked until they get rid of their Edelson fur department.

More details in the next newsletter.

Until then, best wishes for 1986 to all activists and all supporters.

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On 12th March police visited an office in West London and took, among other things, the articles, photographs and artwork for the SG newsletter no. 18, as well as the typewriter that it is typed on. Another newsletter has been compiled and this is it. I am explaining this so that you understand why it is late and also why some items that should be here are not (eg. the Diary, the ALF Story - Part 2, the 'International Rescue' theme cover, the American ALF, Canada ALF etc.). While the SG has been caused this minor inconvenience, the ALF itself is stepping up its actions more than ever before. The ALF is ten years old this month and, in its short history, has rescued many thousands of animals from suffering and death and has also forced many animal abuse establishments to close, through its campaign of economic sabotage. But the war is only just beginning. While there is no doubt it is a war we will win, the day of animal liberation should be won with the help of, and not despite, the animal rights movement. The movement must now knuckle down, acknowledge the necessity of direct action and throw itself 100% in support of it.

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EDITOR

Partridges are go

"ON THE FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS
MY TRUE LOVE SENT TO ME
A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE"

In the early hours of Christmas morning, 5 ALF activists arrived at the perimeter of Lynch Hill partridge farm, Stanton Harcourt, Oxfordshire. The fence was cut down and we entered the farm. The phone lines to the farm were cut. The gates to the farm were oiled to silence them and then they were chained shut.

We then set to work. Firstly, empty pens and stores of wire mesh were destroyed. Then the rearing pens containing birds were tackled. Each end of the pens was cut off as quickly as possible, to avoid panicking the birds unnecessarily, and then the birds were driven out. Once empty, each pen was destroyed with wire cutters. The birds were being reared in extremely confined conditions. They would eventually have been released, virtually tame, into the gunsights of murderers, to be shot for sport. We released all of the birds and destroyed all the pens in an operation that lasted well over an hour. Some birds were recovered by the gamekeeper. However, the police stated that 127 birds had been taken away by the activists, clearly these 127 were not recovered.

SANTA and the ALFS

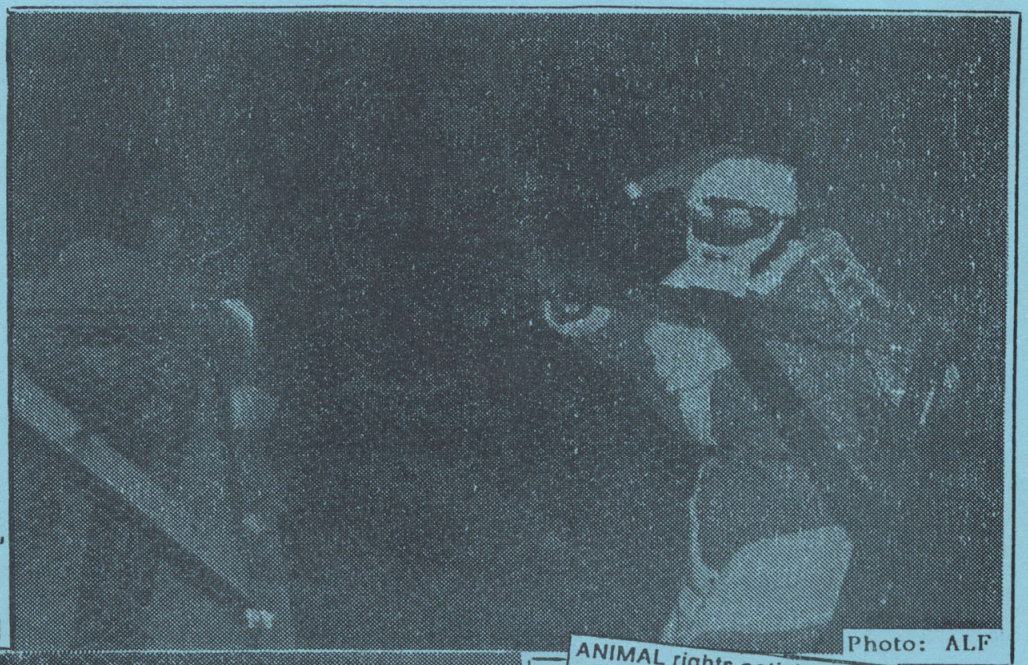


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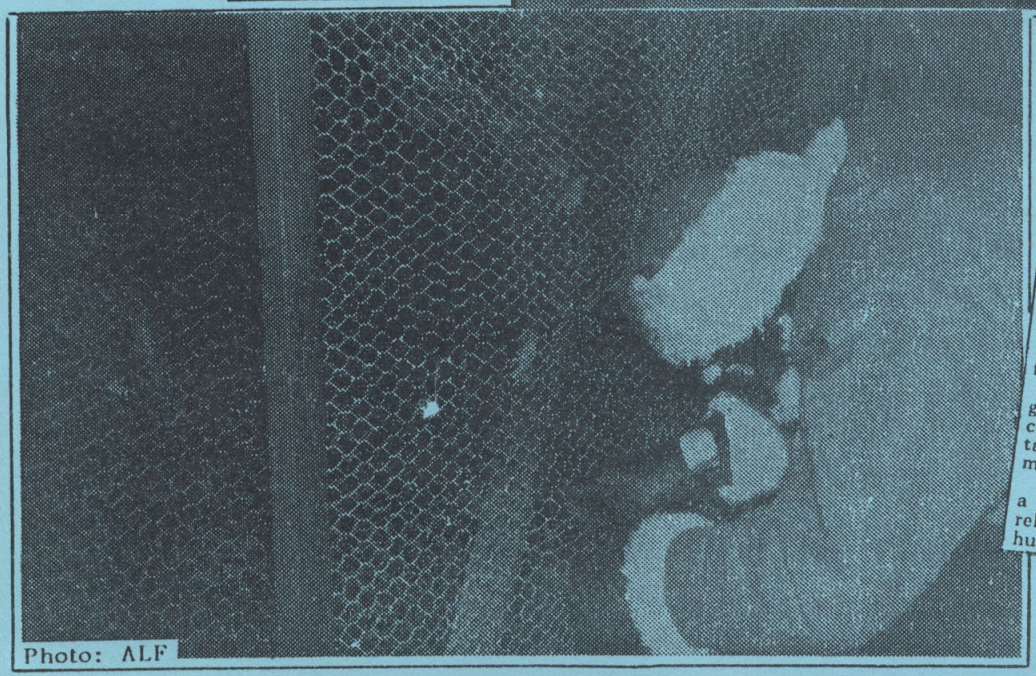


Photo: ALF

ANIMAL rights activists struck early on Christmas morning when they released hundreds of partridges from a farm at Lynch Hill, Stanton Harcourt.

Five members of the Animal Liberation Front, dressed as Santa Claus and his elves, cut through cages and released the game birds.

They destroyed cages and rearing pens so that the farm's business would be interrupted.

"Our aim is to cost these people money so it makes it not worth their while carrying on," they said.

The ALF claims that the partridges were being kept confined, hundreds to a tiny cage, and were being reared to be shot for sport.

A spokesman said: "Over 15,000,000 game birds are shot every year in this country. Many of them are reared to be tame and then they are callously murdered.

"The birds we have released will stand a far better chance than if they were released directly into the gunsights of hunters."

Oxford Star
January 2nd

Terror squad probe blaze

ANTI-TERRORIST squad detectives are investigating a fire at Allders department store.

The fire broke out in the furniture department of the North End store in the early hours of Tuesday.

Police said the fire was thought to have been started by "a device."

The fire damaged settees, armchairs and part of the flooring. Water from automatic sprinklers also damaged four floors, said firemen.

Four fire appliances went to the scene.

"The fire was discovered at about 1 am by a security guard," said police.

"It was started by some sort of device. The anti-terrorist squad were called in soon afterwards."

A Croydon fireman said: "The majority of the damage was caused by the automatic sprinklers."

Privately police believe the fire may have been the work of Animal Rights Extremists.

Scotland Yard said: "The fire was started by an incendiary device which set light to a sofa. The fire was quickly discovered by staff and put out. There was no explosion.

"The Anti-Terrorist Squad under Commander George Churchill-Coleman are investigating."

Croydon Advertiser

'We attacked Allders' say Animal Liberation Front

The campaign to force Allders of Croydon to withdraw its fur department continues. In February an incendiary device was placed in the store, timed to ignite in the middle of the night. There was no possibility of fire spreading through the store, the intention being that the water sprinkler system would start working at the first sign of fire and smoke. The sprinklers caused extensive damage to the store - one amusing result was that Allders placed advertisements in local papers for cut-price water-damaged carpets. Desperate to prevent publicity about the incident, Allders told local papers to drop the story or, failing that, carry an Editorial biased towards Allders, condemning the ALF. They threatened that papers that would not respond to their wish would receive no more advertising from Allders. The Croydon News and Croydon Comet refused to be blackmailed (the Comet consequently could no longer afford to publish its magazine due to this loss of advertising). The Croydon Advertiser and Sutton Guardian stayed in favour with Allders by publishing biased Editorials.

Shortly after this action, 27 windows and 6 doors of the store were attacked with etching fluid.

On 5th May Allders suffered another attack. This time incendiary devices were placed under lorries belonging to Allders, parked at their warehouse in Hackbridge. Four of the lorries were completely destroyed and two were severely damaged.

ALF

Sutton & Banstead News

ANIMAL rights activists have claimed responsibility for causing £1,200-worth of damage to windows at Allders' store in Sutton.

They say it is an extension of their campaign to get Allders' main store in Croydon to shut its fur department.

An Animal Liberation Front spokesman told the News: "Although Allders, Sutton, doesn't actually sell furs, it is part of the Allders chain.

"Unless they give up their fur department at the Croydon branch any of their premises are likely to be attacked," he warned.

The ALF claimed responsibility for a recent incendiary bomb attack at Allders, Croydon.

LORRIES BOMBED IN FUR PROTEST

By Our Scotland Yard Correspondent

The Animal Liberation Front intensified its campaign against the fur trade by firebombing six lorries on a lorry park at Hackbridge, south London, early yesterday. Four devices ignited completely and two partially, and Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch was called in to make safe a seventh which did not go off.

The lorries, four of which were badly damaged, belonged to the department store Allders of Croydon, which had been criticised recently for selling furs. In February, a delayed action firebomb started a small fire at the store.

Daily Telegraph

Fire-bomb attack by anti-fur militants

By Andrew Rawnsley

Animal rights militants firebombed six vans belonging to a large Surrey department store yesterday as part of their intensifying campaign against stores which sell fur.

The largest of the militant groups, the Animal Liberation Front, claimed responsibility. Scotland Yard anti-terrorist squad officers were called to a lorry park in Wallington where the vans were parked after four home-made incendiary devices had exploded completely, and two partially, in the early hours of the morning.

THE GUARDIAN

THE RSPCA has hit out at the Animal Liberation Front's action against the fur department in Allders of Croydon.

The latest attack happened last week when an incendiary device set furniture alight in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

Although no one was injured, extensive smoke and water damage was caused to stock.

The ALF have pledged to continue their campaign against Allders stores throughout the country, until their fur departments are closed down.

Croydon News

ALF war against fur

ALLDERS of Croydon have been the target of an anti-fur campaign by animal rights's activists for several months.

In an anonymous telephone call to the News office, an Animal Liberation Front spokesman said, "Our attacks must have caused thousands of pounds worth of damage to the store."

In January, they claim to have catapulted ball bearings through two plate glass windows at Allders.

And last week they say etching fluid was poured over plate glass windows and glass doors.

ALLDERS OF CROYDON

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All slightly water soiled - sold as seen



ALLDERS of Croydon's WAREHOUSE
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(Advertisements that appeared in the local press, following the damage caused by the sprinkler system)

GERMANY



Schäfchen ins trockene gebracht

»Wir haben die Pflicht, diesen wehrlosen Tieren zu helfen«, schrieben »Autonome Tierschützer« in einem Flugblatt, nachdem sie in der Nacht zum vergangenen Sonntag rund 40 Tiere [illegible] tätsklinik befreit hatten. Einige Tiere hatten noch Verbände um, [illegible] vorgenom[illegible] ug-blatts: »Wir kommen wieder!«

"We have to help these animals" the 'AT' said in a leaflet, after they had rescued forty animals in Hamburg. This action was taken against the cruelty to animals, which goes on and on. And they promised "We'll be back!"

Göttingen

On the night of 5th/6th February 1983 we, a group of peace-loving citizens of Gottingen, operating under the name of "Anwalte der Tiere" ("The Animals' Advocates"), set fire to the "holocaust" primate centre in Gottingen, which is used as a brain research and monkey breeding installation, causing damage of about DM15,000 (£4,000). Shortly earlier, other animal rightists had carried out similar attacks on vivisection establishments in Hamburg and Berlin. In the Hamburg action the equipment in a vivisection laboratory was completely destroyed, while our friends in Berlin broke into a vivisection room at the Oskar-Helene Hospital and took photographs of the dozen or so dead rabbits which they found there. Some laboratory equipment was then doused in hydrochloric acid and warning messages sprayed on the walls.

Through these actions we aim not only to carry out practical animal liberation work but also to send warning signals to the politicians - warning signals on behalf of our defenceless and suffering fellow creatures. Signals that can no longer be ignored and that will be continued if nothing changes! If helpless animals have to suffer terrible torture only in order for money-seeking people to fill their pockets, then only pressure on all sides can be of real help to them.

Who is to blame if our pleasure in life has disappeared, if knowledge of this obscene and senseless animal torture brings us to the point of desperation? Who is responsible if the suffering animals' cries of pain create such a rage in us that in sheer frustration we can find no other choice than to fight those causing the pain by these methods?

THE ANIMALS' ADVOCATES
Gottingen, West Germany

German dog-dealer raid

After six weeks of observation by day and night, we decided to carry out our raid in broad daylight. We had no other choice, in fact, because the dog-dealer always came to his caravan on the site at dusk so as to await deliveries from his dog-thief contacts.

The fenced plot of land lies directly alongside a railway embankment which is used by trains every two or three minutes. The shed, used for housing up to 40 dogs at a time, is some 25 metres long and 2 metres wide, but it contains not one single window! The animals saw only electric light, and that only on the dealers visits to the premises. As trains are constantly passing on the adjoining railway track, the poor creatures also had no real chance to sleep. The shed was made of asbestos sheeting, meaning it was like an icebox in the winter and an oven in the summer.

Astonishingly, about 10 metres away from the site lives a sheepdog breeder and there are allotments all around the area, yet nobody there sees anything of the dealers trade in stolen animals and nobody knows anything about him. And why should they? - after all, it was "only animals" he was dealing in! The closeness of these neighbours was another handicap, because it was late spring and they were already sunbathing in their gardens.

But now for the raid itself: we came from the main road and pretended to have had a breakdown with 2 transport vehicles and 2 private cars. There were 10 of us and we were, naturally, equipped with radio. Three of us stayed with the vehicles, the rest walked about 250 metres across the field to the embankment. As this was used so frequently by trains, but had to be crossed by us in order to reach the site, we knew that we would have to act quickly; on the other hand, we first had to wait for one train to pass through. The train came and we quickly crossed the track. Now we were past the first hurdle. We now stood at the back of the low building. Entry was still blocked by a wire fence. The wire cutter goes into action and within seconds we are through the fence. The two security dogs are temporarily leashed up, and we finally find ourselves standing at the back wall of the shed. The door on the front side cannot be used as this can be seen from the nearby allotment gardens.

It was 17.40 hours when we began to smash the wall with axes, after waiting for another train to pass so as to drown the noise of the breaking asbestos sheets. Now our thoughts are only for the animals. No more anxiety and scruples about doing something illegal, we must just concentrate on action.

As we had entered from the rear, we found ourselves standing in the animal kennel area, or, to put it more accurately, in a sea of excrement and urine that also contained the dogs alleged food, which simply consisted of raw pigs trotters already in a state of decay. There were no drinking bowls or water to be seen. The smell was unbearable and our stomachs turned over at the stench. Some light came through the wall we had just broken and our eyes widened with horror as we saw wooden slats on the walls of some of the kennels, covered with splintered glass, presumably so as to hold the occupants in check.

The highly anxious animals - all of them large adults - were unpredictable in their reactions. As the specially prepared food we had brought with us did not calm them, we had to lasso them. In order to remove the animals from the shed we had to pass them over a small concrete platform. Three of us stayed in the building, while the other four went outside to receive the dogs as we handed them out. They were then taken to the waiting cars, which meant crossing the railway track once more during the two or three minutes gap between the passing trains. One of our most anxious moments came when one of the girls slipped on the embankment with a dog which was tugging her away from its former prison.

We had now brought 14 dogs to freedom. The whole action lasted 18 minutes. But now one of the dogs - the final one, fortunately - created difficulties. On being lifted into the car he started biting everything about him, and injured two people so seriously that they had to be given stitches in hospital. But the pleasure at the success in liberating the animals far outweighed the pain of the wounds.

The animals were in a disgusting state. All of them had worms and fleas. Some of them had wounds from blows received, and two bitches had womb infections. One of the dogs was so disturbed by his experiences that he could not sleep for days. But after being checked over by a vet all the dogs liberated were at last delivered to new and loving homes.

GERMANY

Mainz University, Frankfurt

The spacious bus still has plenty of room for us. There are four of us and in about 2½ hours we shall be meeting the other two activists at an isolated service area. Our spirits are high because we know that some more animals are due to be rescued from the horrors of the laboratory tonight. During the drive we again study the plan of the site at Mainz University. The night watch on the premises is made at rather infrequent intervals and we shall have to take great care. We mustn't take any risks, if only for the sake of the animals. The goods section of the bus contains several cages. These should soon be full, a thought that makes our hearts beat faster. We wonder what our new friends will actually look like...

It is 7.30pm when we arrive at the service area. Thanks to the switch over to wintertime it is already pitch dark. Are the others already here? We all look about us expectantly. Someone gives us a hearty wave, the others climb into the bus, the doors are shut and we whisper our greeting.

The plan of the university is unrolled again and we discuss our tactics in detail and fix our individual roles. We strengthen our nerves with a final flask of tea and then its off and away.

continued.....

After a short drive our transporter cruises along the street towards the university area. We keep a look-out for any night-watchmen, but at the moment all is clear. Our look-outs take up their positions, while the others unload the cages and containers. These are quickly passed over the fencing and carried up to the Institute building. A soft rattling sound, then we wait in total silence for two minutes. One of us has forced a window open - he gives the all-clear sign and two dark shadows disappear through the window into the darkness of rooms of the animal bunker. A filthy smell hits our nostrils. We see we could easily have tripped over a large piece of corrugated metal that's been left lying on the ground.

We recognise rabbit boxes in the beam of the torch and switch on the lights in the first room. There are only 12 boxes here, each containing one animal. The rabbits look at us tensely and seem to be anxious about what's going to happen to them. But we can't hang about for long and, knowing that things will soon be better for the animals, we immediately begin to load the rabbits into the comfortable transport boxes. This is soon completed. The smell is appalling.

Now we take a look at the second room, but get a shock. At least 400 rats, crammed together in tiny breeding cages, are gazing at us with their little pink eyes. But we only have room for 150 rats. It is terribly painful for us to face the fact that some of these intelligent creatures must be left behind. A short discussion about the situation. We decide to leave behind the mother rats with their suckling youngsters, so as to spare the very youngest ones the stress of transportation. There's no chance to switch the rats from their cages to ours, due to the numbers, so we simply take the breeding cages directly from the shelves.

Suddenly, a warning whistle is heard. Outside, a night watchman is slowly going past on his bicycle. We freeze into pillars of salt and no-one moves. Nothing more is to be seen of our look-outs because they have hidden in the bushes. The cyclist goes past the building and only makes a superficial inspection of it. Two minutes later - the all-clear signal.

Now begins the most difficult part of the operation. We begin loading. The cages are gently handed through the window and placed behind the bush directly beside a wide entrance. The containers are quite heavy and we are soon out of breath. Our transporter, meanwhile, drives slowly up to the gateway of the university site. Luckily it is not locked so that we can do our loading unhindered. Once the final cage is placed into the transporter, the aim is to get away fast. We drive with our valuable freight back to the original meeting place. Three of us take our last look at the little animals because the others want to take them to their new quarters as quickly as possible in the bus.

The spirits of the remaining three of us are rather dampened on account of the mother rats and their offspring we had to leave behind. We have no peace, knowing that they remain in a place which means certain death for them. Should we drive back there once more? Good homes will certainly be found for them. We don't have to think for long, for the preparatory access work has already been achieved and there is not much time left before dawn. We drive back by the same route. One of us stays outside as a look-out, while the other two climb into the building once more. As many boxes are loaded into the private car as it can carry. This time, too, nobody spots what we are doing. During our homeward journey we can look at our new friends and the lumps of cheese are shared among the rats - probably they've never before eaten anything so tasty! We are thrilled at the success of the whole action.

All the animals survived the transport well. They are all now living with animal-loving families. Just before carrying out this raid, we informed ourselves in depth about rabbits and rats. We animal rightists will never be satisfied with the statement by vivisectors that 90% of laboratory animals are "only" rats and mice, because these small creatures are highly intelligent and are, therefore, particularly prone to suffering. We demand the immediate banning of ALL animal experiments.

GERMANY

AUSTRIA

VIVISECTOR LIBERATED ANIMALS FROM LABORATORY.

A 37 year old scientist at the Austrian Academy of Sciences was fined approximately £450 by a Viennese court in December, after being found guilty of carrying out 5 animal liberation raids on laboratories at the Pharmacological Institute of Vienna University, between March and September 1985.

Herr Peter Mueller had worked 5 years at the brain research department of the Academy, and himself carried out some animal experiments, but finally decided to help the animals after being ordered to inject 76 rats in order to provoke epileptic fits, and then to dispose of their bodies because the test results conflicted with what was stated in existing medical literature.

He embarked on a series of lone nightly raids in his private car, climbing through a fanlight and rescuing a total of 31 animals - dogs, rabbits and goats - which he delivered to the homes of animal lovers. He was finally caught attempting to liberate a goat, but refused in court to disclose where he had taken the animals he had freed.

The scientist became unemployed as a result of his animal liberation activities, but his fine was paid by a number of Austrian actors and entertainers, and the magazine "Rennbahn-Express" nominated him "Man of the Month". The actor Frank Hoffman is now founding a prize in Austria for "the most courageous animal rights action of the year".

The court case has led to the public prosecutor launching an enquiry into conditions at the University labs. In fact, Peter Mueller actually carried out six raids on the university labs., but was not prosecuted in respect of one of these because the animals he found were in such a pitiful condition that the authorities decided it better not to have this raised in court.

Getting too hot in the kitchen?

There is something crushingly depressing as we witness the national animal rights groups being pushed, pulled and bullied by the establishment media and the various vested interest utterances from police and politicians alike: How quickly they have joined in the hysterical critical chorus against the activities of the activists. These groups have short memories and could do no better than to look back through their publications and have the guts to recognise the massive proven value of direct action. So why are large bodies of the movement turning on the people they were once so proud of? Is it really their declared opposition to certain individual actions - if so where are all the thoughtful, persuasive, tactical arguments? Why, instead of positive debate, do we see condemnation? Or could it be that entities within the movement see their position being undermined as direct action, far from being a support measure to a campaign, such as the political campaign, can now be seen clearly to be a far more effective measure in its own right. Perhaps, as the stakes go up, some feel that things are getting rather too hot to handle - the war is getting too near and they are not prepared to pay the price.

The movements activists have always been forced to stand alongside soldiers who have little stomach for the fight ahead. If that were not bad enough, we are currently seeing a mass retreat back into ineffective campaigning areas. The satisfied smiles on the faces of animal exploiters must be widening immeasurably.

Of course, direct action groups, too, should be prepared to debate and re-evaluate and clearly the recent articles in the SG shows this to be very positive and important.

I, personally, worry about the likes of the Hunt Retribution Squad and the Animal Rights Militia - the latter particularly. What is their aim? If the Militia intend to kill vivisectors, why place explosive devices beneath cars and on doorsteps, endangering innocent people and animals? Everyone should recognise the failure of tactics which involve the injury or death of "non-combatants", as they say on the news. Reagan obviously disregarded this entirely when ordering the recent terrorist attack on Libya. Of course, by discussing the "bombs" made, allegedly, by the ARM, I accept that I fall into the trap of using the states terminology. I have never seen an ARM device, or witnessed one being planted, and many have expressed the view that the past episodes have been elaborate fit-ups by the opposition. However, working on the assumption that the Militia really is a genuine group and that they don't really intend to kill - evidence for this would be the warning given to the press about their "bombs" - then I am drawn to the conclusion that, like the HRS, the ARMs main focus seems to be on publicity stunts and/or the creation of terror in animal abusers. I am opposed to such publicity stunts because there is no way whatever that the media could be persuaded to write about the exploitation of animals by handing them such "media-juicy" material. The press love bombs, rapes and outrages. They love to write about such subjects - they almost promote them, but they condemn them also - they have no choice. This leads to the disgusting spectacle of the Sun printing an attack on rape in the same issue as a piece reporting that women allegedly want "to be taken by force". Any press seeking ARM members thinking that they would be treated any different are, I believe, naive. As far as the creation of terror goes: bluffs don't work if the bluffers are unprepared to back them up - this suggests that the Militia haven't thought things through. Their initial press statements have, to some extent, put them on the spot and eventually they will find themselves asking the question "Do we kill or disband?".

Whilst I don't believe I would crack up at the news of a vivisectors death - and let's be honest, few at Animal Aid, BUAV etc. would lose much sleep either, regardless of what they say to the press - I still don't think killing an animal exploiter would be a good thing. This is not because it would be wrong to kill the animal abuse industry's equivalent of, say, Hitler, but because the movement is not in a position to bear such a move - the chief consideration being the reluctance of the people seen as the movements "leaders" to argue the animals corner after such an incident. Instead of criticising the action, at the same time pointing out that the people involved obviously felt driven to such a measure due to the terrible plight of animals - who are, after all, the only innocents in the equation -they would issue sweeping condemnations.

Tactical debate would be better conducted within the movements press. Of course, some national groups' spokespersons could regard the motivation of the activists to be wrong - certainly the League Against Cruel Sports hold the view that they are "glory seekers". There seems to be scant evidence to support this. Activists say they take action because it is effective, not because the action may involve damage or be illegal. In fact the illegality of some actions are side effects of helping reduce animal suffering through the liberation of animals and/or damage; not the initial motivation for such action. In point of fact, it is the animal exploiters themselves, along with all their supporters in Westminster and business, who have created direct action. They created the situation where the formation of the ALF was deemed necessary - presumably the Militia may claim the same. There is little doubt that direct action is effective, the past ten years prove this conclusively, but let us not forget that action would not be needed if "normal" campaigning methods were succeeding. Every activist must surely wish that their actions could become redundant through correspondence with MPs and the completion of petition forms - in case there's anyone out there still hoping, I'm afraid I must report that it won't work. We should not be surprised by this - kinds of campaigning which are actually encouraged by the establishment are rarely of value.

I would like to see the movement think the present situation through thoroughly: the ARM need to sort themselves out and know where they are going and why. The national groups should resist being used by the state as a stick to beat the people who see the value of direct action. One basic prop to the establishment's physical and mental control of the population is the tactic of divide and rule - we should fight this conditioning as strongly as we fight the animal exploitation industries.

R.W.

Letters

A lot of letters were sent to the Letters Page, some of which we were particularly keen to publish. Unfortunately, a great many were taken. If you wrote a letter to the Letters Page and it doesn't appear here, please, if you can, write it again and send it for the next newsletter.
Send letters to:-
'Letters Page', BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX.

Dear Friends,

I don't know how I got through it, but in order to be able to debate more intelligently, I read "Animal Liberation" and have just finished "Slaughter of the Innocent".

I really believe that the tactics of the ALF are the most important in order to effect change. When I grew up in Maryland, in a suburb of Washington DC, I was right there with Martin Luther King's famous speech. Gathering all those people together, I saw it all and he was a wonderful leader in the same way that Gandhi led his people. Unfortunately, King's tactics can only work when you gather a very large group (in the thousands) and take to the streets. This brings news coverage and therefore you can make your point by peaceful means.

What makes me mad is that if we counted all the animal organization memberships in the United States, Canada and everywhere else, or just North America, we have thousands, but none of them can get together to do an action or take to the streets in order to gain a lot of news coverage. Maybe someday there will be one animal rights leader equal to Gandhi and King to get all of us united in action and we'd pounce on the scene so dramatically that we would cause changes.

This hasn't happened and, since it hasn't, we need the ALF, because that is the only way to get our message spread.

All through reading 'Slaughter of the Innocent" I was out for blood and would have loved to see a vivisectionist get the same torture he gives the animals. But, after thinking about it for some days after finishing the book, I feel that the ALF would lose support if, by accident, an innocent person was killed as a result of an ALF action. I do believe in any destruction of research property and the taking of animals from labs. Rescuing animals, destroying property and writing slogans on walls will make people think about the ANIMALS and ask questions. Any real violence or threats of violence towards people or their children ie. poison candy, even if only a scare, will make the public only see terrorists and not think of the animals.

The ALF is the best thing that has happened to the animal movement since it started hundreds of years ago. I realise one important thing; that many really dedicated animal activists in the more conservative movements, without even realising it, could still have remnants of specieism. When you talk to them about breaking and entering and smashing, or stealing animals, they put up a guard and say "We can't do that", yet, if this was in World War 11 Germany, the same people would have no hesitation in forming an underground to save the human animals in concentration camps. Therefore, these conservative animal activists are seeing animals as having less importance than the human animal, but thank God for the ALF for seeing them as having equal consideration.

J.S.
(Toronto, Canada)

The "Free Mone" campaign should be supported by all groups espousing "Animal Rights", including our own.

However, I question whether BUAVs "Match of the Day" type tactics - demonstrators run on, police run on, both sides push against each other for 90 minutes, whistle blows, we all go home - will ever achieve the desired result. Peaceful mass protest has been emasculated, primarily by two developments:-

1) More effective police tactics, evolved during the miners strike and now backed by punitive legislation.
2) Increasingly sophisticated site defences, adopted by animal abusers, that inhibit live rescue.

Under the circumstances might I suggest that the time has come for Animal Rights groups to discuss their strategies and policies for the 1990s.

To combat the constraints to action identified previously, I should like to propose that ALF (SG) initiates contact with those revolutionary/paramilitary groups who, because of their opposition to the British government and to the major commercial and industrial concerns responsible for animal torture, can be viewed as our allies.

What we require from them is operational training and logistical support. What we can give them in return is intelligence, safe houses, transportation and the tying down of the police and the security services through our own activities.

It needs little imagination to realise that a properly trained and equipped "Animal Right Kommando" could not only provide a new cutting-edge to the whole movement, but also circumvent sophisticated site defences by attacking vivisectors and their families in their homes, trading-off such people for the lives of their animal prisoners.

Perhaps those who feel that conducting a Draize eye test on one vivisector today would free a million tortured monkeys tomorrow might wish to give this proposal an airing.

Yours,

SG MEMBER
SG number supplied

Dear Friends,

I was interested to read in the latest communique from the Animal Rights Militia, printed in SG newsletter no. 17, that the ARM do not intend to stop short of personal violence against vivisectors even if this means killing them. I am nowhere near to being a violent person but I believe that the crimes of vivisectors against creation are so bad that they deserve to pay for them with their lives. Natural justice demands it.

I think everyone has an ingrained aversion to the idea of taking life, apart from those who are desensitized by some form of training which requires a callous lack of respect for life. However, I wonder how much this aversion has to do with being brought up in a relatively peaceful country like Britain? Would we have the same attitude if, for example, we lived in Guatemala where the murder of trade union activists by government death squads is regarded as 'normal'? Yet if it is right to hit back with violence against such brutal repression then how much more so is it when the victims of officially sanctioned crimes are defenceless animals who have only us to fight for them?

I would be interested to hear the views of your readership on this topic.

Yours sincerely,

SG member 289

8th January '86

Dear Friends,

Happy new year to you and I wish you more successful raids in 1986!

Yes raids: rescuing tortured animals and leaving the establishments unfit to continue their dirty work BUT I do not think the use of any explosives directed at the homes of the guilty will do anything to further our cause. We will be labelled terrorists, not humans with compassion as we have up till now. Our fight is hard enough without losing the bulk of public opinion which we are undoubtedly sadly losing rapidly now. Does public opinion not matter anymore? Surely the approval even of the passive public counts in a big way.

The Oxford definition of Terrorist is "One who favours or uses terror-inspiring methods of governing or of coercing government or community". The animal militia are of course doing exactly this and is it right treating like with like, ie. employing terror to gain our ends - just like the scientists often do to gain their results?

Where does the evil stop? Do you really believe that we will terrorize all scientists enough to prevent them from continuing their cruel deeds? Do you not think that this aggression of ours will only induce the opponents to put their annual multi-million profits into higher security of their buildings, employees and employees homes?

I am on the side of the animals and would sacrifice myself if I knew I could stop some of this discreet torture. I do not think, though, that these direct attacks on the homes and possessions of the persons involved in animal suffering will in any way help our voiceless friends. They need our voices, not our bombs. In fact our present behaviour in the medias' eyes makes us just as guilty of perpetrating the evil that we are trying to fight.

Love and Peace,

SG Member 907

Dear ALF,

You are doing precisely what has to be done in this cultural revolution we are waging. Don't be concerned by your critics...critics are a dime a dozen and if they had their way nothing would ever happen.

This may seem a coincidence but in the late '60s two people met with me on the corner of 84th and York Ave. in Manhattan. We talked of things that needed to be done (as you are doing) and they asked what kind of name such an organization would need...I said "the Animal Liberation Front"; this I swear on the bones of my beloved dog.

Anyway, anyone who knows anything about cultural revolutions knows that terror is a necessary ingredient and I said at that time that the day must come when the vivisectors must cringe in fear and crawl from the torture chambers of science.

the very best of wishes,

L.A.D.
(USA)

Dear ALF,

As you frequently take action against ordinary butchers' shops, not selecting those who sell Dutch veal or ritually killed meat or broiler chickens etc., I am wondering whether you manage to feed your rescued cats on vegan food. It would seem pointless to attack a trade which you, nevertheless, patronise.

Much as I admire and support your courage and dedication and most of what you do, I do wish you would always be logical and consider the consequences before acting. The random glueing of butchers' locks, and the release of voracious little predators into a countryside where prey animals already suffer enough, must be as puzzling to the public as to me and lend fuel to the enemy. Save yourselves for more useful action.

MAXWELL

Arson gang hits lorries

Brighton Evening Argus
12th March '86

Three refrigerated lorries were smashed open and set on fire last night, causing damage estimated at more than £20,000.

Alight

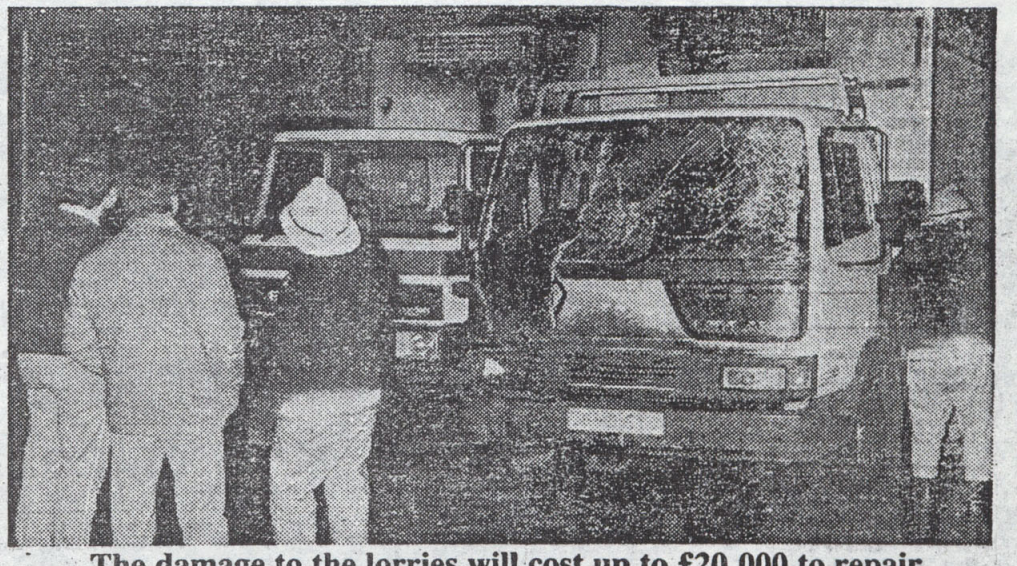
Forensic experts were today examining the wreckage of the vehicles, which belonged to two firms with depot at the Hollingdean Road abattoir in Brighton, Swifts and Anglo Dutch Meats.

Today, in a phone call to the Evening Argus, the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility.

"Normally you get sprayed slogans — Meat Is Murder and all that rubbish," said Swifts assistant manager Mr Paul Thacker.

Two lorries had their cabs broken into. A petrol-like fluid was poured on to upholstery and set alight, a fire brigade spokesman said. The third vehicle had a hole hacked in the container section and was then set on fire.

The lorries are worth up to £16,000 apiece but may not be completely written-off.



The damage to the lorries will cost up to £20,000 to repair

RABBIT RAID

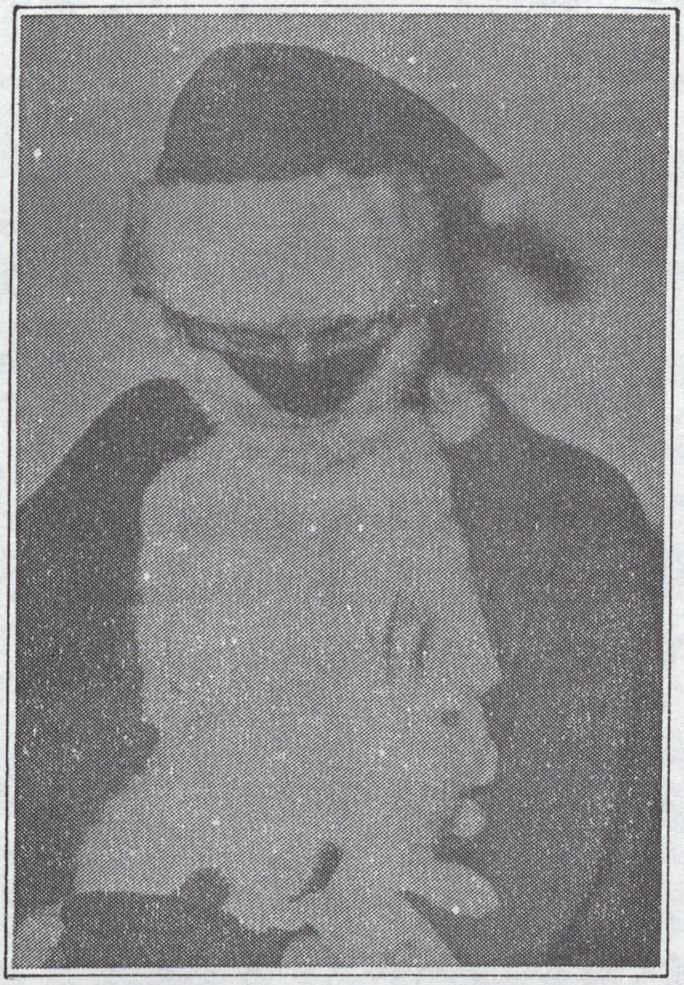


Photo: ALF

As a result of a tip-off from an employee at Glaxo Laboratories in Liverpool, early on the evening of 15th December ten ALF activists were dropped off from three cars near Speke airport in Liverpool, approximately one mile from the target.

The unit, in the grounds of Speke Hall, is flanked on three sides of the airport with regular security patrols and on the fourth by a large commercial firm with roving security guards with alsatians. Mindful also of the fact that they had to reach a point between the Hall (with its two guards and an alsatian) and the lodge (with its geese) the activists climbed the airfield security fence in twos, skirted the runways and, after an hour, had all climbed the fence at the far end to the rendez-vous at the entrance of a drainage ditch. Using this as cover an approach was made to within 30 yards of the unit.

Four look-outs were posted. One of the Halls trailers was pushed along until directly beneath the alarm bell, crowbars were used to force the bell cover to one side and the hammer was cut off. As a result of previous visits it had been decided that, due to the heavy lock on the door being in a recess, the hasps of angle iron and the door of a heavy nature, sledgehammers would be used. To coincide with an airliner firing its engines in preparation for taxiing, literally only 50-60 yards away, the lock was covered by a folded sack and smashed off. At this point a dog started wimpering. We opened the door a foot or so and, as agreed, everyone met back at the assembly point to see if there was any reaction to the door being opened.

The End Of SEALL....

With the completion of the Winchester trial the time has come for SEALL to cease to exist as an entity. Of course, the Wickham Defence Fund will remain in operation until the last prisoner, Mike Nunn, is released.

SEALL has set many new trends in the animal rights movement - use of video, subtlety in direct action, the concept of raiding an establishment to bring a prosecution, cultivation of good media relations and many other ideas - and has fought, in the 'Wickham 19' trial, the most dramatic and significant criminal trial to date in animal rights history. But the strength of a group is its ability to keep one step ahead of the opposition and, hence, to continue SEALL as if nothing had changed would be foolhardy in the extreme.

Most key SEALL activists are under severe police scrutiny (or in prison!) and many of the original SEALL stalwarts are now involved in other areas of animal rights campaigning.

For SEALL to continue would undoubtedly lead to more political show-trials and the effective emasculation of much of the militant animal rights movement in the South-East.

Already the South-East has seen the establishment of the "Kent Animal Rights Alliance" and the "Southern Animal Liberation League" which has already carried out a number of successful actions, particularly and most significantly against suppliers of laboratory animals to Wickham Laboratories, and in the Midlands the "Central Animal Liberation League" has shown itself to be the most professional and media conscious of the new regional groups, with its harassment of Oxford University. And, of course, the ALF continues its war of non-stop attrition against all animal abusers. The secret for all these groups must be to learn from the mistakes and failures of SEALL and to carry out better and more effective actions in the cause of animal liberation.

CLOSES FARM

We had had no idea there was a dog in a part of the unit separated from the main area. A discussion was held as to the possibility of breaking in and taking the dog, but in such a high security area a barking dog would jeopardize the whole raid. We returned after a safe time, the dog began wimpering again but fortunately settled after a few minutes.

The main unit was split in two and comprised of one part with New Zealand and California Whites in very bad conditions, and a second part which held a variety of different rabbits, Dutch, New Zealand etc., with heating. We had homes for fifty-eight rabbits and first decided which we would take - not large single ones as these were likely to be pregnant females, and not mothers with very young kittens, for obvious reasons. Mothers with young that were well developed were selected.

While one person assembled and taped up the boxes, and another assembled the video with a special light fitting for filming at night, the other activists sprayed every single rabbit in the two units with an indelible non-toxic dye. Using various colours they were sprayed on their lower backs, in the same way that seal pups are sprayed, our intention being to prevent the hundreds of rabbits in the unit from entering the fur trade and the laboratories. As it was near to Christmas, Father Christmas joined the activists and helped fill the boxes with rabbits. At this point the video was switched on and the events recorded.

Details later appeared on BBC TV North West. As a result of this raid the farm has been forced to close down. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the two people who went to so much trouble to supply the dye and we hope to see fur farms having repeat performances.

ALF



Photo: ALF

....And The Future Of Direct Action

In particular, the militant animal rights movement must learn to analyse carefully its direction and tactics. If SEALL proved anything it is that the "crowbar" mentality is not always the most effective - there are times when gratuitous destruction and other damage is simply a knee-jerk response to the problem facing our movement: Unilever, ICI, Beechams, Glaxo etc. will not be seriously effected by £250,000 damage to their property, whereas headline TV exposure of their animals dying in cages may have a devastating effect on their public standing and staff morale. Conversely small concerns may well be devastated by extensive criminal damage and for such concerns this may be the appropriate mode of attack.

There is no one answer to the question of which form of militant action is the best - the activists in the movement must approach each action with a clear idea of what is intended to be achieved by the particular direct action event.

In essence, flexibility is what is required. SEALL developed a very flexible approach from occupying Storrington Monastery on their Easter Day service (protesting against the veal farm, which has since closed down) to the traditional Animal Liberation League "photography and document" raid on the Royal College of Surgeons, to the rescue of 14 beagles from BIOSS Laboratories shown on headline TV. Of course, real success for militant action lies in the combination of different kinds of action - when local groups leaflet against an establishment, when an Animal Liberation League raids an establishment and when the ALF cause damage or rescue animals from an establishment in a concerted campaign, then the effect is devastating. There are many examples of this kind of all-pervading multi-strata campaign in the South East and nationally, and it is this kind of campaign which the opposition fears most.

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As SEALL winds up and the other groups continue, however, one thing is clear. Militant action is imperative for the success of the Animal Liberation cause. Parliamentary legislation on Animal Rights must be seen as merely the end point of the animal liberation campaign, where politicians have no choice but to legislate. Of course, one of the main problems, and hence failings, of political campaigning is that too much emphasis is placed on the parliamentary arena as the bastion of power when, in reality, parliament tends only to react to political pressures from outside. "Direct Action" is a political pressure but the effect of increased direct action of various kinds will be that parliament in many respects will become largely irrelevant, a mere rubber-stamp for de facto change which the animal liberation movement has brought about.

Parliament tends to legislate retrospectively when the mischief it seeks to eradicate has largely already been eradicated - this is especially true for the issue of Animal Rights.

Hunting will be banned by law when Hunt Saboteurs, the ALF etc. have made hunting almost impossible and when the cost of policing hunts becomes prohibitive and, similarly, Government will remove the requirement to test products on animals when the multi-nationals are on their knees begging the Government to do so, such will be the harassment of the vivisection industry. And, of course, no amount of Government legislation will be as effective as the conversion of the population to vegetarianism which will destroy the meat industry regardless of political intentions.

But perhaps the most compelling argument for "direct action" is that it is morally reprehensible and an abdication of our responsibilities to expect that animals should await the whims of politicians before they are relieved from their sufferings. The effectiveness of Direct Action is evident from the phenomenal reaction presently (and slightly belatedly) being mounted by the establishment. The drastic nature of the charges at the Wickham trial illustrate just how seriously the police (representing the powers that be) viewed the growth of SEALL, and the new vigour with which the police and media are attacking the animal rights movement generally illustrates the growing despair which is gripping the opposition.

Perhaps the following extract from a speech Margaret Thatcher gave to the American Bar Association last summer most vividly reveals the extent to which the establishment fears direct action.

"A second fashionable heresy is that if you feel sufficiently strongly about some particular issue, be it nuclear weapons, racial discrimination or animal liberation, you are entitled to claim superiority to the law, and are therefore absolved. This is arrogant nonsense and deserves to be treated as such."

S.E.A.L.L.

(Editorial taken from 'Target', the newsletter of the SEALL.)

FRONT DE LIBERATION DES ANIMAUX

HOUDAN, WEST OF FRANCE, 12TH APRIL '86, SLAUGHTERHOUSE BELONGING TO GUY HARANG, responsible for the death of 200-250 pigs a day

Our group of 3 activists decided to attack this slaughterhouse after we became aware of its existence when we noticed the address in an advert. After several checks at night we realised we could attack this place although it was located in an industrial area and every night a watchman came by car to look round the other firms in the area.

One night while we were checking the abattoir to see where it would be most effecient to cause damage, we were surprised when a huge cattle truck, crowded with screaming pigs, entered the premises and drove to the end of the yard where the piggery was located. It took something like an hour for the truck driver to unload all the pigs from the vehicle to the piggery. Sometimes he was kicking the animals so that they got out of the truck more quickly - some pigs were struggling, others were climbing down from the truck quietly with their ears turned down over their eyes. The driver unloaded 3 corpses of pigs which had died from heart attacks (pigs are highly sensitive animals) due to the panic or the transport. At 4.30am we could not believe our eyes when we saw another truck full of pigs driving down towards the abattoir accompanied by half a dozen meat vans which also parked in the slaughterhouse - this was to be the beginning of the work in this evil place. 15 minutes later a man dressed in white clothes from head to toe opened the little door of the piggery. He led out a pig who walked along a narrow concrete corridor. All the machines were working now in the abattoir and it was hard for us not to react (we were 20 yards away on the top of the railway which borders the slaughterhouse) when the slaughterer killed the first pig by picking the living and conscious animal up by a leg and cutting its throat while it screamed and moved as much as it could. Its blood poured into big iron tins. We attended this massacre for just another 15 minutes to see many pigs queuing in this narrow corridor, unable to escape or move. The only thing they could do was jump over each other, screaming because they could see their brother being murdered just in front of them while waiting for their turn to come. When we left we swore we would destroy this place. There was nothing else we could do except rescue one pig, but what was the point of that for the others?

When we went for a last check on another day we saw they had built a little place in concrete in which they had put a machine to anaesthetize the pigs. This was a good opportunity for us to attack this abattoir and to hit it hard. On the day we had seen the animals slaughtered there was a particular stage when, once dead, they were plunged into boiling water to remove the skin more easily. We could see huge flames each time a pig was plunged into the container and we concluded it was supplied with gas or another flammable product. Our action would be to start a fire inside the expensive machine, which would spread to the gas pipes and destroy the vital part of the abattoir. The owner lived on the other side of the railway, 50 yards from the abattoir, and kept calves in a metal shed 40 yards away from our target. For this reason we would have to use something very destructive but which would not explode and frighten the animals or the bastard that runs the place! We would also have to ensure that vibration would not cause the shed to collapse on the imprisoned calves. We had to make sure that the fire would spread without causing a dangerous explosion.

On the day of the attack, one of us was placed as a look-out on the railway while the other two climbed down into the abattoir with a knotted climbing rope and carried all the necessary stuff in appropriate bags. One of the two had climbed down first to check that there were no pigs in the piggery. The look-out was to warn us with a lamp if anything happened (we could not use CBs as the police station was only a mile away and our CBs do not have short channels). One activist placed a mixture of a product (which is very good for causing a very high heat and therefore causing damage to very resistant materials) and 10 litres of white spirit in two bottles. He put an electric device into the bag containing the mixture and connected it to a reel of electric wires which was unrolled along the railway as we left the place. At some 200 yards we stopped as we were at a distance where we could see if any animals (cats) were roaming around the abattoir or if someone was entering the place or if a car was driving round.

The two wires were connected to the battery and the room where the machine was placed got red and the sky turned red all around the slaughterhouse and the fire was crackling so intensely that we ran to our vehicle to leave the place as soon as possible. Before driving off we placed all our stuff (balaclavas and gloves, double socks to avoid footprints, with the rope and battery, jackets and trousers, in case they were sent to forensic in the event of our arrest) in a plastic dustbin bag. After driving for a while one of us got out and a litre of white spirit was poured onto the bag and set alight. On our way back we did not get stopped by the police.

Agence France Press was called but there was no publicity, as usual. They don't want us to get publicity because they know about the British ALF with its intensive war against those who prevent us from living in a better world. This is only a beginning - the ALF are not people who only strike occasionally to cause small and symbolic damage. The ALF exists to achieve our aims with intelligent tactics.

Direct action for total animal liberation,
ALF FRANCE

Paris

Since our first interview in SG no. 13 we have continued to carry out actions, but in a very sporadic way - that is to say that, instead of functioning like a real army section, very few people of the Paris cell are fighting the best way they can, but their unsuccessful attempt to get more people involved will inevitably lead them to get to the real point with the animal abuse system. It is intentional that we won't speak of the criticism we have received, nor of what so-called animal defenders try to do to save the animals through the minimum of direct action and the maximum of press coverage - for if the animals and ourselves are to be totally liberated, this will only come through total commitment to direct action. We don't want to be mixed with people who haven't got the same views as we have, as far as the fight against animal abuse is concerned.

Let's just say that the few things we have done for animals and the heavy and fanatical criticism we consequently received were only a training and a harsh experience of the French societys selfishness and ignorance towards animal suffering. If we carry out an intelligent campaign of TOTAL DESTRUCTION of animal abuse centres there is little doubt that we will gain support among genuine animal liberation supporters.

Talking destroys us
-only direct action for total animal liberation!
PARIS FLA

Toulouse

We contacted the FLA eighteen months ago. Our group is a small cell only composed of 3 people - 2 women and a man. Through various documents sent to us we learnt about the FLA policy and we fully adopt their tactics. Since the creation of our cell we have already claimed some 20 actions for our region. We slashed more than 40 tyres, broke or damaged 10 animal abuse shop windows, glued around 15 locks of other similar shops and we have also painted countless slogans on shops, animal abusers' cars and vehicles and places of torture (ie. Toulouse slaughterhouses). But we have also carried out more radical actions, such as the blaze of a vivisection lab car, of a van displaying fur posters and also the blaze of a cattle truck worth many tens of thousands of Francs (this cattle truck weighed 13 tons).

As far as our cell is concerned we no longer have financial problems, but we are short of activists and this is badly felt when we want to take more organised actions (liberation of animals etc.) but we never lose time because if we are sometimes paralysed we nevertheless look for, and look after, future targets...

Total support to the FLA
and to all its future members!
TOULOUSE FLA

FLA continued

On Thursday 7th November 85 we knew there was a big meeting of bull-fighting supporters in a place in Toulouse where we had damaged several cars parked there all belonging to bull-fighting supporters, a few months before. But on that night we noticed that the place was being watched by plain-clothed policemen in plain cars. We had to leave it.

So we decided to go to the Toulouse abattoirs where, a few days before, one of us had noticed a cattle truck used for transporting horses doomed to be slaughtered there. On Thursday night the truck was not locked and the ignition key was inside. But another truck was there, from England (with a "GB"sticker), and its driver was inside, eating. We waited a while but as he stayed inside and was not going to move we started to act.

We parked our car on the main avenue running alongside the slaughterhouses. While I stayed in the car, ready to drive, two others (a man and a woman) quietly climbed into the cab of the truck, turned the ignition key and started off! I had a moment of panic as they had to drive the truck the other way round, as cars and the red traffic light did not allow any safe escape way. At last I saw them reaching the avenue after taking another road and we drove until we reached a kind of quarry for gravel.

As the place was safe, one of us sprinkled the whole cab with petrol. It was pleasant and beautiful to see the truck on fire! After a few minutes the front part of the truck was a heap of torn and calcinated sheets of metal. Inside the cab we had left the registration card of the truck as well as the insurance papers and so on.

We then phoned the police, the newspaper "La Depeche" and the radio station "Sud-Radio", to claim responsibility for the attack. But strangely complete silence was kept, which is quite funny! - the same silence as when we slashed the tyres of cars belonging to the bull-fighting supporters...

I think "they" are now waiting for us somewhere...

P.S. A few weeks before, slogans had been painted on the walls of the slaughterhouse - "meat is murder", "FLA" and "Factory farms = concentration camps".

SOUTHERN FLA

ALF FRANCE (FLA) c/o BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX

Grimsby Evening Telegraph 22nd March

'Attack' on duck farm

HUMBERSIDE Animal Liberation Front today claimed responsibility for an early morning attack on Cherry Valley Farms, Caistor.

An anonymous caller told the Evening Telegraph that equipment running into thousands of pounds had been damaged. The raides say they stole files about experiments on ducks.

And the caller warned: "You can be sure this is not the last they have heard of us."

The caller said they entered the research area at 3 am today. "Dishes and bottles were smashed. Water hoses were turned on and left going. We took the documents away to prove what is going on. We went there to gain proof," he said.

Lincolnshire police confirmed Cherry Valley Farms had been attacked but said the firm had asked them not to release details to the Press.

No one at the company was available for comment.

Chester Chronicle 7th February

ANIMAL LIB RAID

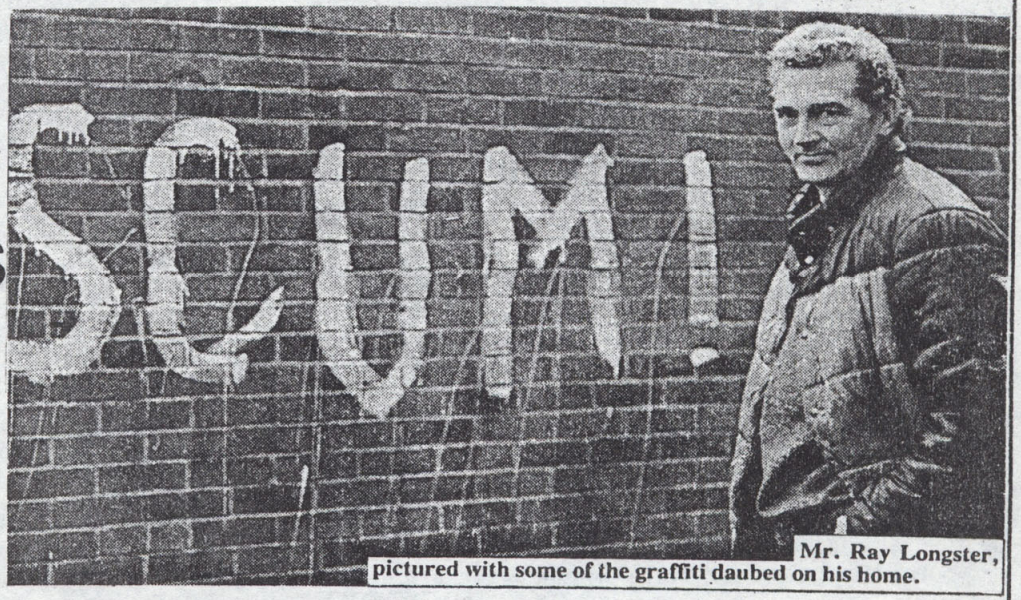
Fire bid at hunt member's home

ANIMAL liberationists caused thousands of pounds worth of damage, attacking a country home in Frodsham early on Tuesday.

Businessman Mr. Ray Longster and his family woke at 8.30 a.m. to find slogans daubed over walls, and to discover windows covered in corrosive etching fluid.

The dawn raiders also tried to set fire to a hores-box and pou. ...perglue into the locks of a neighbouring bungalow where the Longster's two teenage children were sleeping.

Mr. Longster, aged 48, is social secretary of the Holcombe Hunt, based in Bury, which hunts hares and foxes. He is also a member of the hunt committee.



Mr. Ray Longster, pictured with some of the graffiti daubed on his home.

Responsibility

About £5,000-worth of damage was caused in the attack at The Ridge, Manley Road, It was carried out under the cover of darkness at 3 a.m.

Members of the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility and rang The Chronicle newsdesk to identify themselves. They said Mr. Longster had been singled out because of his connections with the hunt.

AFA
Action For Animals

Australia

Action for Animals started in Perth, West Australia, in May 1985. It was started by a group of people who were deeply concerned about the welfare of millions of animals in this country.

Since May 1985 AFA has caused thousands of dollars worth of damage to animal abuse establishments, property belonging to animal abusers and has saved many animals from a life of pain, suffering and misery. Since the early days of actions only occurring in Perth, the ball of liberation has finally got rolling. Direct action now also takes place in Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne and Brisbane.

In the early months, many traditional animal rights campaigners regarded us as "terrorists and lunatics", mainly because we were stealing the limelight from their petty, worthless and outdated methods. Recently, things have changed. We now find ourselves inundated with letters of support from animal rights campaigners and we are also given favourable write-ups in the media and newsletters of traditional animal rights groups. I think this is what a lot of people have been waiting for - a group unafraid to get things done.

There are also other direct action groups in Australia. In Brisbane there is Band of Mercy Brisbane, Direct Action for Animal Rights (DAAR) and the Brisbane Animal Rights Militia (BARM). BARM recently carried out a brilliant action in which they sent poisoned meat to a media representative warning her to inform the public that the same had been done in several meat stores around the city. No one ate or bought meat for an entire twenty-four hours, subsequently the meat industry ended up with a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars. One media report stated that "if this action by BARM was designed to financially hurt the meat industry, it has worked".

AFAs most important action to date was the rescue of two hundred mice and four rabbits from the Royal Brisbane Hospitals breeding house. I think it was what triggered off conventional activists to come out into the open and support us. We are now an unstoppable force. We will continue our actions until the day when all creatures will be free from suffering and pain.

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LAB ANIMALS FREED IN RAID

Daily Sun 14/8/85

A secret society calling itself Action For Animals has copied documents and released animals from a Royal Brisbane Hospital laboratory.

The group took responsibility for the action in a letter to the *Daily Sun* yesterday.

It said it had seized the names and addresses of "vivisectors" who "exploited animals" at the hospital's breeding house.

The group said it strongly opposed the use of animals in biomedical research and had released 200 mice and four rabbits.

Hospital medical superintendent Dr Bryan Campbell yesterday confirmed the raid.

"Police are investigating an illegal entry into the animal house last Wednesday night," he said.

"Some mice disappeared, but we are uncertain what happened to them – whether they were freed or killed."

Dr Campbell later confirmed 200 mice and four rabbits were missing

"No documents were reported missing and there are no staff members involved in the exploitation of animals," he said.

"The animal breeding house is used for development of diagnostic assays for medical care."

Police yesterday received copies of the group's typewritten letter.

The photocopied document – with the letters AFA branded across the top – showed a crude sketch of a mouse with a syringe sticking into it.

Breeding

Police said it was not clear how the group broke into the animal breeding house.

"We know mice and rabbits went missing," a spokesman said.

"The hospital has tight security, so the intruders would not have been mucking around."

The Action For Animals letter said: "A.F.A. strongly opposes the use of animals in biomedical research . . . the suffering and confinement these animals are subjected to is largely unnecessary and contributes little to the greater good of society.

"During the action, documents detailing the treatment of these animals and the names and addresses of the vivisectors who exploit them were seized.

"To extreme sickness, extreme remedies."

Hospital raid 'for animal lib'

AN animal liberation group called Action For Animals has taken responsibility for a raid last Wednesday on the Royal Brisbane Hospital's animal house.

The hospital's medical superintendent, Dr Bryan Campbell, yesterday confirmed that 200 mice and four rabbits, bred in the building, were missing.

Police were investigating an illegal entry into the animal house, from which some mice had disappeared.

The group claimed that documents detailing treatment to animals and the names and addresses of the people involved had been taken and details would be made public, along with stolen photographs.

Courier Mail 14/8/85

THE FIRST AFA NIGHT OF ACTION

(as reported by one of the pioneering activists in Perth)

The first night of action was one of full force. Although we had no previous experience in direct action we were lucky enough to have someone from the UK who could teach us a few tricks. The first action was the graffitiing of a circus truck which was parked on a busy road, hoping therefore to attract attention. "Animal Oppression" and "Scum" were sprayed on the truck. After that we moved on to where a popular fried chicken store was. We decided that it needed its large expensive windows improved so we obtained some bricks from a nearby half demolished house and made our way to the store. The store was first given a paint-job - "Meat is Murder" was painted across the main wall. With two of us in the car, the engine running hot, the other activist hurled two half bricks at the large plate glass windows, spraying glass all over the counter and throughout the store. We subsequently made a speedy getaway down several side streets towards 3 dead animal (butcher) shops - they were subsequently sprayed and bricked.

That's where the night ended. The two activists and the driver made their way home to a well deserved sleep. As a result of that night articles on the event were featured in the main and local papers, as well as a TV current affairs programme running a story on the circus, particularly focussing on the fact that the word "scum" was written on the circus truck.

BOOKS

Good Stuff, and Nonsense

Review of 'In Defence of Animals'
Edited by Peter Singer
Published by Basil Blackwell

On the whole this is a very good book and one I would recommend, particularly to newcomers to the animal liberation movement who may not be totally aware of the countless atrocities done to animals or of the philosophical arguments against their exploitation. It contains several articles which put forward the moral arguments for animal liberation and others which expose the cruelty and persecution inherent in animal experiments, the farming industry, zoos and the destruction of species and the environment.

One criticism of the book is, however, that it fails to properly expound the theory of direct action. Even my own contribution, in the form of an interview, does not do this well enough. There is much nonsense from such characters as Dick Course and Clive Hollands about the 'value' of political campaigning. Other contributors are misguided enough to think that the Labour Party is the great white hope for the animals. Nobody says loudly and clearly enough that ALF-style direct action is (and has proved to be) the most effective form of campaigning. Nobody asserts strongly enough that the best way anyone can help the animals is to ignore the politicians and take action themselves.

R.L.

Review of 'The Animal Liberation Movement'
By Peter Singer

Peter Singer's new booklet about the movement subtitled "it's philosophy, it's achievements and it's future" is currently being heavily promoted by nearly all the national animal groups. One section in particular has been seized upon with great delight and, of course, it relates to "violence" within the movement - an overtly media-hyped aspect of the overall campaigning going on. The "radical" nationals have shown great naivety in this; they consistently misrepresent and misunderstand the term "violence" in all their writings. They are unwilling to admit that each and every campaign for animals will ultimately lead to violence of some sort; it is absolutely and totally impossible for the animal rights movement to achieve it's aims without causing suffering to human beings. Peter Singer says "Animal Liberation activists must set themselves irrevocably against the use of violence ...By violence I mean any action which causes direct physical harm...and I would go beyond physical harm to acts which cause psychological harm like fear or terror".

Let's look at this term "psychological harm" for a moment. I cannot see one campaign undertaken by the animal rights movement which may not necessarily involve "psychological harm" to animal exploiters and probably their families too. After all, every campaign is directed at putting animal exploiters out of business. If one writes to an MP to ask for laws to protect animals, or takes direct action to financially damage animal abuse, or promotes a public boycott of animal abuse products, the net result is the same - people are going to lose their present employment. Some people believe that being jobless in these years of unemployment causes suffering; does that not mean that a campaign aimed at putting someone on the dole is in danger of creating gross "psychological harm"? An animal exploiter may "fear" that the current "Living Without Cruelty" campaign may destroy his/her lucrative market, for example. Some vivisectors may be in "terror" that the BUAV may succeed in abolishing animal experimentation - they are looking forward to a life-long financially beneficial career from mutilating animals - what "psychological harm" can be done by the prospect of redundancy? Maybe the day of the movement's 'glorious victory' is furthered by the simple act of giving someone a leaflet - since this may cause psychological harm to animal exploiters and certainly would if we gain the liberation of animals, should we tear them up?

We should now look closely at the campaigning area heavily promoted by most national animal rights groups: political campaigning with the aim of getting Westminster to legislate to make the exploitation of animals illegal. If it <u>were</u> possible to make the abuse of animals against the law in this way, then every butcher, vivisector, fur farmer, bloodsports fanatic, seal hunter etc. would be forced to immediately cease their exploiting activities or face the forces of the law and the courts; their final sanction being imprisonment. I maintain that forced imprisonment is a form of oppressive violence and can easily result in physical violence and most certainly, without the slightest doubt, involves psychological harm to those imprisoned and their families.

I am presently writing this piece from a prison cell, so I feel fairly well placed to describe the mental and physical consequences of forced imprisonment. I am forced to abide by a strict daily routine, I must submit to every order from any prison officer, if I do not then I will be punished (violently, if necessary). Any letters sent in or out are read by censors. Access to family is extremely limited. I cannot choose when or what to eat. I cannot choose when to exercise, on exercise I must walk - sitting in the sun or stopping is not allowed. In addition I am left to worry about my children, without a father in this world of murder and rape, I may lose my rented accomodation, my standing order commitments for kitchen appliances bought for the benefit of my children have lapsed etc. THIS IS THE SANCTION THAT POLITICAL CAMPAIGNERS ARE ACTUALLY CAMPAIGNING <u>FOR</u>.

Animal exploiters could find themselves in similar positions were the law of the land changed to protect animals instead of protecting the animal exploiter. This being so, plus the fact that all other campaigning for animals is likely to cause "psychological harm" to people, are we to stop? Are we to ignore the screams of billions of suffering animals?

I say we carry on. Animal exploiters have a choice, animals don't - they truly are the innocents in this. We cannot avoid the situation where the children of animal exploiters may be subject to psychological harm, even though they too are innocent. One further point - animal rights campaigners are motivated by respect for animals and compassion. They too suffer psychological harm because animals are so ruthlessly exploited by human beings. Whose "psychological harm" should we set about ending - the campaigners or the abusers?

Singers booklet also reviews the movements achievements in recent years. Direct action gets a mention because hardly any advances have been made without it, but he limits discussion to a few actions, primarily in America. He gives scant attention to the many thousands of individual animals rescued from torture in the last ten years and sees fit to ignore the millions of pounds worth of damage done, even though this is the most effective campaigning area, hitting the opposition where it really hurts - in the pocket.

The end section of the publication, describing the future of the movement, is extremely negative in tone and substance. There's quite a lot about what the movement should not do, but little to suggest ways of actually winning the war for the animals besides a vague reference to Gandhi and Martin L. King - Singer fails to explain why their campaign methods are appropriate to animal liberation. There are no tactical suggestions for further battle, no promotion of effective tactics, not much at all really.

R.Y.

"And when two people are at one in their inmost hearts,
They shatter even the strength of iron or bronze"
Confucius.

All Power Corrupts.....

The large sums of money held by national animals' rights groups are a cause of positive harm to the cause of animal liberation. These large sums are used to create well paid jobs and thus to start a continuing struggle to not only obtain these jobs but to hold on to them. This struggle becomes an end in itself and anyone who is seen as a threat to the status quo is vilified and isolated.

Paid staff, with free access to all the advantages of a well-equipped office, become a law unto themselves. The staff have the means to obtain the election of an amenable and unquestioning committee by the judicious use of the telephone. Thus power is concentrated in the hands of a few. With a secure job and power to manipulate the membership, thoughts will inevitably turn towards political power. How pleasant then, to have the time, the money and the transport (paid for by money given for animal liberation) to spend leisurely days at political gatherings or in the House of Commons talking to the so-called great and famous. By now, the cause of animal liberation has become merely the ticket to obtain entrance and acceptance into the hallowed portals and the flattering attentions of the media.

As more and more time is spent on the political circuit and beanfeasts, extra paid staff are needed to take on the work of maintaining the power base and ensuring the election of ineffective committees. Thus the money spent on anything remotely connected with animal liberation declines in direct contrast with the increasing money spent on salaries, expenses and outings. Authoritarian political masters demand moderation from the national groups and so moderation becomes the order of the day.

The amenable and unquestioning committee members find it very pleasant to have regular all expenses paid trips to London to meet old friends at undemanding committee meetings. Sometimes there are "perks" to be enjoyed as well. Providing the committee members make no attempt to question the work of the paid staff, the staff are friendly and in some cases ingratiating. Committees are habit forming and become a way of life. Thus, committee members spend time and money (not theirs but that given for animals) to ensure their re-election. As an added precaution, yearly salary increases for the staff are readily approved leaving even less money for animal liberation.

Each year paperwork increases at an alarming rate as unnecessary reports and other bureaucratic rubbish is churned out by the paid staff to give the unquestioning, amenable committee members a sense of importance.

All national groups start off with good intentions but as income increases the rot sets in. Regionalisation of national groups only serves to increase the cancerous growth. As branches/groups become wealthy, they become carbon copies of the parent body.

Only revolutionary attitudes within the national animals' rights committees can bring benefit to the animals. Revolutionary attitudes mean national groups would have to reduce paid staff to an absolute minimum. All staff would have to be paid the same minimum wages on a yearly contract with no perks or expenses in order to attract dedicated workers with no time for in-fighting, power struggles, slanderous gossip or hierarchical structures. There would have to be no huge bank accounts and investments to be carried on year after year. All money given for animals in every year must be spent on animals and active groups all over the country must be funded and not starved of funds. There must be no political campaigning - individuals, if so minded, can join the political party of their choice and force through a change in attitudes towards animals from within the party. Certainly the much publicised RSPCA Action Group has shown no sign of having such attitudes. Their aims for the RSPCA would appear to be more of everything, more political campaigning, more staff, more in-fighting and less money for animal liberation.

It is alleged that a cynical senior employee of a national group said:-

"I DO NOT FEAR ACTIVISTS OR PROGRESSIVES BEING ELECTED. GIVE THEM A YEAR AND THEY ALL FALL INTO LINE."

Such is the corruption of power.

Is not the cause of animals' rights worth single-minded, complete dedication and unity from ALL who profess to care?

SG MEMBER 927

ALF Closes Mink Farm

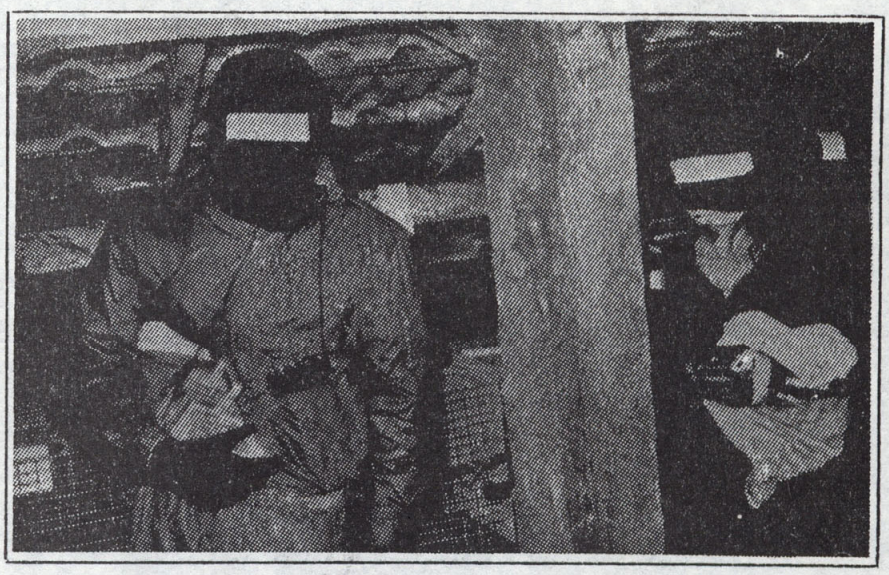


Photo: ALF

The mink farm came to our attention late 1985 and was kept under constant watch. It was decided, after much discussion, to visit the farm and use dye to spray the mink. The dye would ruin the pelts and so make them worthless. We also planned to remove a number of mink, to be released further afield in a suitable habitat. The raid was due to take place during the day as we intended to video it, which would have been harder during the night as more equipment such as lights would have had to be used. The dye was bought, the type used by sheep farmers to mark their flock. This is not only permanent but dries fast so any sprayed mink wouldn't lick it too much.

The farm consists of two large compounds each containing thousands of mink in small wire cages. The first compound is nearest the two cottages, one is owned by the mink farmer Mr. John P. Kitson, the other is owned by a builder. This compound is alarmed with beams of light which, if broken, set off the alarm. The second compound, which is out of sight from the cottages, was not alarmed in any way. This was to be our target. The date was set and activists informed of the meeting place. In the morning of the set date two members entered the farm to go over last details. Unfortunately, a guard dog was roaming about in the compound and looked too aggressive to handle. The raid was off, a new date would have to be set, and a new approach.

On the night of 2nd Jan. nine people met at a secluded spot and went over the final details. Because it was night, and raining, we took some climbing rope, as the hill by which we were to enter the farm was both steep and muddy. Sprays were handed out, bags in which to steal the mink and an axe to force the cages open. Two aerosols were taken so slogans could be sprayed. C.B. radios were also taken with new batteries as we intended to place a look out watching the cottages, in case the farmer heard any noise and decided to investigate with his four large guard dogs.

At about 10.30pm we pulled up into the woods, about 15 minutes walk from the farm. Gloves and balaclavas were put on and torches handed out. We made our way through the dark woods to above the farm. Four of the group made their way down by one path which went down gradually but was very overgrown. The other five went to the point where it went very steeply down and climbed down using the rope which was tied to a tree. We had misjudged the distance and had to slide down the bank about 20 feet. The two groups met at the furthest end of the compound from the cottages.

Because the raid was delayed, many of the mink had already been murdered and were being prepared for some evil person to wear. However, a few hundred were still to be killed so we climbed over the chest high fence and made our way through the sheds. The first five minutes were very confusing because the balaclavas disguised us so well nobody knew who they were talking to. We soon settled down and started to spray the mink and rip off the cards above the cages, these were used for breeding purposes so the farmer can produce a good fur. The cages were opened, some had to be forced, others didn't. Trying to remove the mink was a different matter, even with thick gloves on we couldn't take them as they cowered away. We left the cages open, sprayed them and opened a few more cages. The spraying continued, a tractor was damaged and slogans sprayed. Photographs were taken during the raid on the far side of the compound.

At one point we thought one mink had been sprayed in the eyes because it started screaming. Closer inspection, once it settled down, revealed no dye had entered its eyes, our presence had just frightened it. One activist spraying mink at the end near the house heard the guard dogs barking. When running through the shed to the others the person hit their head on a wooden beam and was nearly knocked out. The raid had seen its first casualty. Dazed, the person warned the others and we left the farm.

Four members decided to leave while the remaining five waited about 20 minutes and reentered the farm. Mink were now running about in the compound but couldn't get over the fence. More mink were sprayed and some fencing damage done. The dogs started to bark again but we ignored them as nobody in the cottage stirred. Another 15 minutes were spent in the compound until it was decided not too push our luck too far. We left the farm, sad that we didn't do more against it, knowing that thousands more innocent animals will be killed by Mr. Kitson and his kind, unless people rise up in anger and shut these disgusting places.

LEFT -
ALF activists carry out their successful raid at Freers mink farm in Surrey. Their action forced the farm to close down.

RIGHT -
The sign Mr. Kitson was displaying outside his farm, shortly after the raid.



Photo: ALF

A lot was learnt on this raid which we aim to correct. The most important was more torches and less other items. The C.B.s were not used as a look out was not needed because the rain muffled most of the sound.

The papers did not print the facts behind the raid. That thousands of mink live in misery imprisoned in wire cages. The stench that surrounds the whole place. Dead mink lying on piles of rubbish and piles of muck underneath their cages.
This misery must stop. This misery will stop.

In Love & Liberation,

SURREY ALF

Direct Action Bulletin

The latest publication by the "Direct Action Animal Bulletin" is to be published on July 1st. The 90 page book details the growth and development of the Animal Liberation movement over the past 12 years and the more recent attacks on it by the state. The strategies of the ALF, NALL and SEALL are explained and there is a detailed assessment of the ICI, Unilever and Wickham trials and the accompanying defence campaigns launched in support of the defendants. The book goes on to outline the governments new public order proposals and the likely effect they will have on the campaigns of local animal rights groups. In conclusion the book outlines the way in which broad based campaigns in support of direct action can offset the government attacks on the movement. Order your copy now - special offer to SG readers £1, plus 20p p+p. Cheques and postal orders to 'Ark Print', c/o Bookmarks, 265 Seven Sisters Rd., Finsbury Park, London N4 2DE. Subscribers to 'The Bulletin' will receive their copy in due course and need not send any money.

"RATS"

A group calling itself RATS was formed in November 1985 and its primary aim is to raise funds for the Animal Liberation Front (Supporters Group). During the four months that the group has been running, hundreds of pounds have been collected in the street and thousands of leaflets have been given out. The money is distributed as soon as it has been collected.

The leaflet, entitled "What do you know about the Animal Liberation Front?", is only given to people who make a donation so that the leaflets don't end up on the pavement. The information on the leaflet is aimed at the general public and it explains the reasons behind the various poisoning hoaxes and mink liberation as well as giving information about animal farming, vivisection and the fur trade.

RATS does not have a membership and it relies on donations. We don't have any faith in political campaigning and believe it to be a waste of time and money. Politicians are notorious liars who have a tendency towards self preservation.

We urge all concerned people to raise funds for the ALF (SG) and to attempt to educate the general public about the truth behind animal liberation. RATS also donate money to various animal sanctuaries and the Rescued Animal Sanctuary Fund.

If you would like further information please write to: **RATS c/o 121, Railton Road, London, SE24 0LR.** (Leaflets are available but please help with postage as it costs 50p to send 100)

RATS

VEGANS IN PRISON

Before reading this I suggest a reading of the article 'Jailhouse Blues' (Vegan, Autumn '85) which will save me padding out this newsletter with superfluous material. Surprisingly, a number of vegans now in prison and those acting on their behalf did not acquaint themselves with such basic reading. An awful lot of time has been wasted going over the same ground time and time again with different people who had not boned up on an area they were soon to enter.

The whole issue of vegans in prison has been fraught with problems which in varying degrees still exist. Two main factors account for this:
1. Home Office Prison Service ignorance (often wilful) of veganism and vegan diets, and a subsequent hard-nosed attitude towards people entering prison and "making life difficult".
2. Non-vegan prisoners, once that vegan diets become a problem, claiming to be vegan only when they felt like it, reverting to carnivorism at the drop of a hat.

Consequently, vegan diets in prison, at best seen as an aberrant form of vegetarianism, have been at worst something akin to a punishment. Some people have had a very raw deal. There are now approximately 300 vegans in prison - too small a number to fully influence the way the prison service is run and so have to 'fit in' to mass catering etc., and too large a number for us to help on an individual basis. Within this framework we have had to work with the Home Office always bearing in mind that any improvements suggested in the prison vegan diet would be kicked out if they would in any way be seen by other prisoners as 'preferential treatment'. Food takes on a different importance in prison and what a vegan will see in terms of nutritional adequacy and origin, a carnivore may see as a luxury which he or she is denied.

Since August '84 I have been relaying to the Home Office, Governers, Catering Officers etc. all kinds of complaints from prisoners and their friends/families, suggesting solutions and sending nutritional information etc. Out of this has come a trial prison vegan diet in nine establishments (Albany, Blundeston, Frankland, Gartree, Long Lartin, Maidstone, Parkhurst, Wakefield, Wormwood) which started on 10th October 1985.

In February I met with Home Office officials - who, I might say, had obviously studied the subject and the entire issue in depth - to discuss the result. The upshot is that we have now analysed the proposed new vegan scale and have approved the supply of weekly/daily amounts of 30+ food items as adequate for sound nutrition (we have not, of course, approved what individual catering officers might do with it all). It is not a gourmet diet and there may even be complaints that it's too boring (that will depend on the imagination in the kitchen) and other problems may arise. Nevertheless, it's a firm step forward; the first essentially vegan diet in the prison service.

Some obvious areas of difficulty remain, and fall into two categories. Firstly, footwear and bedding (the former being predominately a male prisoner problem); types of which only change as and when the prison service contracts with suppliers end and begin. This is an area still being worked at and one in which the 'preferential treatment' argument is very strong. Secondly, toiletries and urns of (cows) milky tea. These, for the time being, we'll have to work out on an individual prison basis, and we are constantly urging the Home Office to make it generally possible for all vegan prisoners to purchase vegan toiletries from the canteen/shop. Every vegan in prison should keep on at this. There would now seem to be a willingness to accede to certain demands as long as we can suggest a logical and easy alternative (although once inside any particular prison things can go awry). We have to be a bit more clever than just to demand that rights be respected, unfortunately.

In order that vegans and the VS regain proper credibility - and this is a fundamental problem - we have agreed with the Home Office that all vegan prisoners be VS members. This will help us get round factor two mentioned earlier. I can hear the moans already, and I think I have heard all the objections by now! But let's look at it again.

1. There are an estimated c75000 vegans in Britain. If they all joined the VS we would be able to do a lot more than we can do now.We would also have more clout.

2. If someone has bothered to formally join an organisation they will be looked upon with far less suspicion in prison than one who just claims to be a vegan.

3. Entering prison and then trying to join the VS causes problems for everyone and takes up time that no one can afford.

On the question of VS membership, if you are likely to go into prison for animal rights activities and for one reason or another cannot join the VS beforehand, I suggest that each group nominates one representative (unlikely to go into prison) to liaise with me to make an alternative arrangement, which seems to be honourable and workable. Dealing with some groups in the past has been a case of the left hand not knowing what the right hand was doing.

Two final examples of the credibility problem:

1. In an official petition a vegan prisoner complained that his monetary allowance was exhausted after he had bought cigarettes, and then went on to condemn coffee and tea as drugs.

2. After securing a generally improved diet a vegan prisoner then demanded whole grains instead of potatoes as the latter he thought were 'dark' foods (macrobiotically).

Without doubt we have probably greatest sympathy with vegan prisoners committed for A/R activities, and we'll continue to do our best to help, but we'll get nowhere if we're all heard as a lot of conflicting voices. If the ALF or SARP or anyone else feels like throwing out advice please talk to me first. If there are any complaints about prison food or non food items, please be very specific;

'lousy diet' is not enough, nor is 'no protein'. Protein, for instance, is rarely a problem if calorie needs are met.

Whether or not you have any faith left in the power of letter writing I do stress that MPs should be urged to act on behalf of vegan prisoners when there is legitimate complaint. It is a fact that some of the most noticeable changes in attitudes and food provision have come about after parliamentarians have become involved. It seems that MPs have, in general, been neglected so far - only copies of 3 MPs' replies have reached us.

If, on release from prison, anyone feels like committing their experiences to paper please do so, sending the material this way. It will help us draw up a better picture of each establishment: no two are alike.

POSTSCRIPT

Since we approved the new vegan scale the Home Office has made certain alterations to it.

1. We objected to Cornflakes (vitamin D3 from an animal source) and suggested muesli instead. The H.O. suggested increasing the rolled oats ration so we suggested increasing also the dried fruit ration, part of which could then be used with the oats to form a more palatable breakfast. The H.O. has increased the oats but not the dried fruit.

2. A protein source - split peas - has been removed, with only a very small increase in marrowfat peas as compensation.

3. Tea and coffee have been removed due to "the administrative problems in most penal establishments.....under mass catering conditions".

We are assured that "this is not to say that in the longer term we will not consider a further substitute for cornflakes" and that regarding tea/coffee the H.O. will keep its "options open".

You can be sure that we are taking these points up immediately with the Home Office. It must be remembered though, that the above changes do not render the new vegan prison diet inadequate nutritionally.

PPS. It would now seem to be the case that a new disease is creeping in. Prison Officers in some establishments have been reported as blaming on this Society any deterioration in vegan diets whether this is caused by poor supply from Supply and Transport branch or due to their own bloody-mindedness and indolence. I repeat here that we have fought for a better, nutritionally sound vegan diet in all prisons; standardised so that we would know just what was being supplied to each prison. We approved the supply of a variety of food items which were capable of providing at least an adequate and interesting diet if prepared properly and responsibly. Any deterioration is not due to this Society. We have been at pains to ensure that vegan prisoners are supplied with nothing less than an adequate diet.

UPDATE - 20TH MAY '86

We are informed now that the Home Office is - "...considering advising prison caterers that a muesli type of breakfast cereal can be made by mixing rolled oats, dried fruit and raw fresh fruit; it would also be possible to enhance the cereal with other products such as hazelnuts that could be bought from the cash allowance that is provided for the purchase of such extras."

The Vegan Society applauds this move and of course would wish to see this advice actually given.

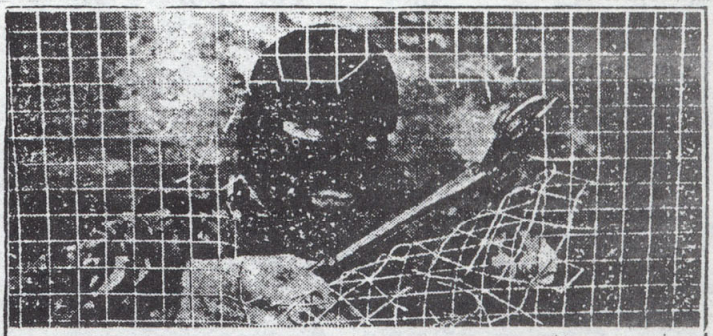
We are advised also that concerning tea and coffee

"...water, soya milk and hot yeast extract drinks are available and fruit juice or herbal teas may be bought from the cash extras allowance."

Regarding publishing dietary scales that these "...for all prison diets are viewed as part of the operational manuals which are provided for the guidance of prison governors to enable them to discharge their responsibilities. It has at no time been Home Office policy to provide inmates with copies of extracts from the manuals and we have no wish to change this long established rule. However...inmates are supplied with a comprehensive booklet giving them information on matters they need to know about when they first go to prison.... A vegan inmate may ask the Governor or Catering Officer for a sight of the Vegan dietary scale."

Split peas are now being considered for re-inclusion.

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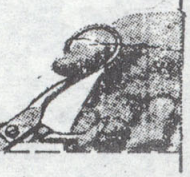
Our supporters prefer to use a pair of scissors

The RSPCA believes that the way to secure lasting improvements in animal welfare lies within the law, not outside it.

Cutting the coupon and sending a donation achieves far more in the end than cutting wire fences.

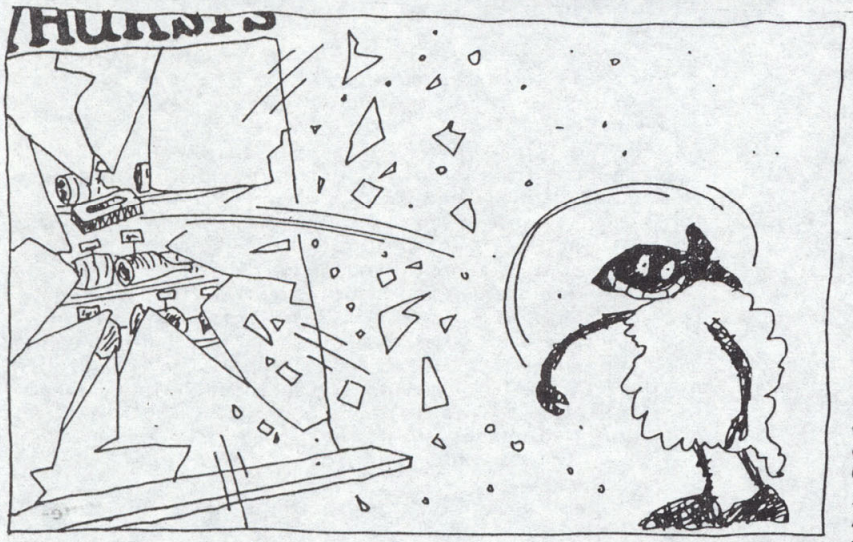
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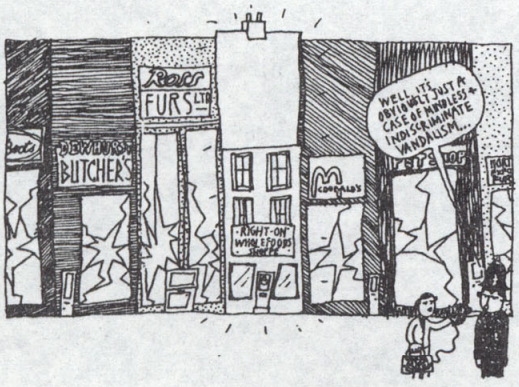
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1ST JANUARY - ROBERT BARKER AND SONS, FELLMONGERS IN MEANWOOD

The massive factory complex looked very forbidding as we entered the grounds. Our group entered a small outbuilding and wrecked an expensive water-flow counter - wires were cut, cylinders bent, paper ripped out and covered in ink, a couple of electrical wires were cut and then the door was locked with our own padlock.

Meanwhile, the second group had broken into the factory, checking it out to make sure it was empty. We then opened another door at the far side of the factory with our trusty old boltcroppers, to ensure a quick getaway if necessary. A nearby lorry was paintstripped, had glue and matches put into its locks, and its windscreen wipers broken. The back of an industrial weighing machine was unscrewed and the weighing mechanism rendered useless. Around 200 sacks containing powdered calcium hydroxide were slashed, along with an estimated 700 dead animal skins. Many more would have been damaged, but, unfortunately, our spray can refused to work. A thick hosepipe was cut in half.

Fear of causing too much noise prevented us causing any more damage. So, feeling that we'd done enough for one night, we left as quietly as we had come in....happily in the falling snow.



16TH DECEMBER - A BATTERY UNIT NEAR THE OTLEY ROAD

Two people responsible for opening the gate and acting as look-outs were dropped off near the side of the sheds. After a few horrifying moments when it refused to move, the gate was opened and the van pulled in. A padlock was clipped to gain access to one of the sheds. Once inside, cages were opened up and hens from each prison were placed into sacks of 3/4. This bagging up was horrendously noisy with the hens making a hell of a row which we felt sure could be heard down at nearby Weetwood Police Station. It was only afterwards that our look-out told us that we had been really quiet and that he/she couldn't hear a thing from inside the sheds!

Only 58 hens were taken, because that was the number we had good homes for. "Merry Xmas from Leeds ALF" was sprayed in artificial snow on one of the outbuildings.



10th JANUARY - TERRY M. BOWE MEAT WHOLESALERS, BURLEY

Activists climbed over a shed roof to gain access to 5 vans in the back yard. These were then attacked with paintstripper, had their windscreen wipers bent, all four locks on each van were clogged with plastic padding and sugar was put into three petrol tanks. Slogans were sprayed on each van and on the back of the building, and a few mirrors, lights, indicators, windscreens, number plates and van logos were touched up with spray paint. The back door to the premises was also glued. Before leaving, the activists glued up the front door to the premises and sprayed "ALF" on it.

LEEDS ALF

The first thing I would like to state is that I have not seen a statement from the ARM on the subject yet, so the only information I have to go on is that which has appeared in the local and national media - and this has obviously been used to manipulate people's reactions to the incident. The fact is - I don't know what the strength of the devices was, whether they were set to go off, or even if they were nothing more than empty packages or fake bombs. One thing is certain, however, - it was obviously a warning and not an attempt to kill, as the papers would have us believe. If it was anything other than a hoax or a warning, why alert the authorities beforehand?

The action also got a hell of a lot of publicity and brought animal rights to the forefront of the debate again. Nearly all of it was bad - but if we were bothered about bad publicity we wouldn't be smashing windows, would we? Anything the authorities want to crush will always be distorted - Northern Ireland? Riots? It is nice to get good publicity, but our actions come first, not other people's opinions. There is no time for debate where death and torture is the case. Demonstrations, vigils, letters to M.P.s etc. often get good press because they hardly get anywhere. And if the authorities (through the media) can convince us that these methods are the right way because we are going to get a good write up, the threat is successfully contained and sucked into the system.

The ARM are certainly not terrorists. Terrorism is a phrase invented by the ruling class to put down anyone who threatens them. To use such a phrase is to use their terminology, and play along with their game. What about freedom fighters? Everything the ARM has done has been in an attempt to help other beings, not themselves - and this must always be remembered.

Furthermore, animal abusers have constantly been warned of the possible consequences of their actions, and still they go on perfecting more and more ways to exploit animals. So be it on their heads. They can't say they were unaware or hadn't been warned. The Morning Post, in their article on the subject, say that the ALF have used explosions or incendiary devices in actions. This is perfectly true, of course, it is the most effective way to cause a lot of economic damage. They refer to the Birkenhead meat factory and Rackhams in Sheffield, but WHAT THEY DON'T MENTION is that stringent efforts were made to ensure that no life (animal or human) would be endangered. This is the kind of one-sided gutter press we are subjected to - tell half the truth and ignore that which doesn't fit in with what you're saying.



After saying all this, I myself could not do anything if it involved danger to life. I couldn't live with the thought of someone's death or maiming on my conscience. But, at the same time, I do not condemn the ARM's actions. To do this would be to fall into the authorities trap of divide and rule. Interview all the well-known animal rights groups and get them to condemn the action, and we are then left with a lunatic fringe - a minority - which is easy to condemn. And while we are arguing amongst ourselves we are forgetting the things that matter and are absolutely no threat whatsoever. WE ARE ALL FIGHTING FOR THE SAME THINGS.

"These people are trying to make the Animal Rights movement the next thing to the IRA in Britain and they are causing untold damage to our campaign" - Mark Gold, campaign director of Animal Aid. If you really said this Mark, since when has animal liberation been your campaign? Do the animals know this?

As for all this crap about the ARM putting the animal rights movement back years, the same accusations have been levelled at the ALF since the early '70s by a movement which had been going for 106 years with a track record of allowing animal experiments to increase from hundreds to MILLIONS per year. When this is the case, the logical conclusion is to kick down the doors of every laboratory in the land, rescue the animals, and inflict financial damage. But when the laboratories become miniature fortresses, the experiments carry on, and liberation becomes increasingly harder, WHAT THEN???

Perhaps the ARM are ahead of their time... Again, the abusers have been warned. They have a choice - the animals don't. More and more people are willing to use violence against animal abusers every day - and who are we to be so righteous in our condemnation? I'm sure the animals wouldn't argue.

If a vivisector was to be killed, I don't think I would shed many tears - so how can I crush those inner feelings and condemn it? If you torture or kill animals, you deserve nothing other than a good kicking. If I saw someone hurting an animal, I would be sufficiently angry to physically attack the person in question in order to stop it, or if someone attacked me physically I would defend myself. But, I couldn't plan a physical attack on a vivisector yet. Yet we all know what they do to animals when we are not looking.....Our justified anger is diluted by distance from the torture and pain. Would you be so quick to condemn someone who attacked a nazi responsible for gassing millions of Jews? To claim a difference between the two is not only a load of crap, but specieist as well.

You're either on one side of the fence or the other.

One further quibble with the papers; animal liberation is not as simple as (to quote the Morning Post) "intolerance of opposing points of view" - for the opposing point of view is a murderous one. MURDER CANNOT BE TOLERATED - IT HAS TO BE STOPPED.

I hope this redresses the balance slightly.

ARTHUR BRICK

DIERENBEVRIJDING

From the Domtower at Utrecht a long banner flutters down. The text "DierenbeVRIJders (Animal liberators)" has the word "VRIJ (FREE)" in bright orange. Nearby, in front of the courtyard, are dozens of demonstrators and lots of banners saying that instead of the ALF, the secretary of state, Ploeg, and fur breeders leader, Goezinnen, should stand in court. The meaning of this demonstration is clear - they want acquittal for the four suspected of ALF actions.

The courtroom is overcrowded. Dozens of ALF sympathisers will have to wait till a good deal of the press have left before they can get in. The plaintiff, Mr. T. van Dijk, accuses the four of stealing beavers and beagles, attempt to steal an electrocution device from a fur breeder and theft of the documents of a dealer in exotic animals. The plaintiff said he had respect for the feelings of the defendants for the fate of animals. "This fate is often terrible. The necessary must be done to stop this" van Dijk said. However, he was less pleased by the way actions were carried out and claimed conditional sentences of five and three months.

The court resumes the conviction of right - however, not yet made the law that rules this country, and the plaintiff considered in his conclusion that the defendants had acted for a respectable reason. He said, though, that offences had been committed which have caused great social unrest and damage and that there is where his responsibility begins.

That there is some unrest among fur breeders, vivisectionists etc. is understandable. Less clear is what the officer does about the unrest among a far greater part of the population - an unrest which is caused by a law which allows the torture of animals, in spite of the declaration of three quarters of our population against such practices. Where unrest under the population is legalised, the plaintiffs responsibility ceases.

In the NRC (a newspaper) An Salomonson said "Tomorrow in Utrecht, along with the four animal liberators, our twentieth century civilisation will stand in court." In the article she compares the idea of animal liberation with the peace movement, and commercial breeding farms and laboratories with real concentration camps.

The defendants restrict themselves to making a statement which they conclude with the words of the famous animal behaviourist, Konrad Lorentz, "Animals are sensitive people with very little intellect". The animal liberators expressed the hope that the reverse will not come true - that people are intelligent animals with very little feeling.

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ANIMAL LIBERATORS NOT IN JAIL

The four ALF members who stood in court for, amongst other things, liberating 30 dogs from TNO lab. animal centre at Zeist and setting free 100 beavers from a breeding centre at Groesbeek, have not gone to jail. All four were fined conditionally for one or two months and two of them had to pay two hundred guilders damage. The court said it considered the social benefit that the activists wanted to serve with their actions.

lijke straffen van een ... oplopend tot ... maanden, en twee moeten tweehonderd gulden schadevergoeding betalen. Dit heeft vangenisstraf waarvan drie maanden voorwaardelijk.

FUR-THER DAMAGE

11th/12th November '85: in the night before the judgement in the case against 4 members of the ALF, between 150 and 200 foxes at a breeders at Weurt were sprayed with red and blue paint. The damage to the breeder was 20,000 guilders. The ALF requires total abolition of the production of the unnecessary product fur.

After this action a few remarkable incidents took place. Though the action was carried out Monday night/Tuesday morning, a breeder, Burgers, first reported to the police on Wednesday. According to the ALF, however, the action was carried out at the premises of another breeder, Morren. Why this day delay? The story going around is that the breeder who was really hit had no insurance. This could clarify a lot.

How breeders twist and turn to gloze over their practices is made clear by a newspaper article, in which the victim of the action declared not to breed his foxes for the fur, but for Chinese restaurants. Firstly, it is pure nonsense to start breeding foxes for the meat as this would result in a nearly unaffordable meal on the table - this besides the question of whether fox meat would be edible. Apart from this, Chinese (at least some of them) prefer stray cats and rats, which are a lot cheaper. Apparantly this breeder was inspired by the argument for leather - that it is a waste product. Thus he could also sell the fur as a (cheap?) waste product.

Further, such breeding behaviour would be against the rules of our Ministry of Agriculture and Fishery, to stop the extension of the bio-industry. From this only one logical conclusion can be drawn: this breeder is suffering from complete mental disarrangement.
(Editors note: Our translator probably means "derangement" - but "disarrangement" sounds better.)

NETHERLANDS ALF

SCARECROW LIBERATION

On the night of 12th/13th February the ALF destroyed a trap cage, property of bulb grower Niek van Schagen, at Bergen. The birds which were alive in the cage were released to freedom. At first the cage was held illegal, but after enquiries made at the Wild Damage Commission permission for the cage was still granted.

Schagen wrings the necks of the caught crows to hang them in his bulb-fields as scarecrows. For this purpose he used 150 birds. This, to prevent the birds from eating from the sprouting flower-bulbs. That this is in no way effective is made clear by the fact that under the dead crows their living family is sitting eating. The ALF suggests, as alternatives, gas cannons, fear cries on a cassette and a decent covering of the fields.

The ALF removed the dead crows and put them on the street in front of the town hall and in the letterbox. They also delivered some birds to the Wild Damage Commission at Haarlem and to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fishery, which are held responsible for the murder of these birds with both cages and rifles. Yearly, thousands of crows become the prey of farmers and hunters for pleasure. The ALF calls for a boycott of the bulbs from van Schagen.

NETHERLANDS ALF
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BELLS ABLAZE

Over the Christmas period more animals are murdered than at any other time of the year. At Bells Slaughterhouse the number of cattle trucks arriving at this time increases dramatically and so do the profits of the owners. We felt it would be a good time to carry out a hard-hitting attack on the company to lessen their profits and protest at the massive slaughter of innocent creatures.

After looking over the slaughterhouse a couple of times we decided that the best target to attack would be the office buildings where all the files, word processors, photocopiers etc. were held. On examining the building closely we discovered that it was heavily alarmed, so breaking in to cause damage would have been extremely risky. Therefore, we decided to burn the whole building to the ground. A date was set for Saturday night the 21st December, the weekend before Christmas, the getaway route was finalised and rags, paraffin, firelighters etc. were purchased.

At 1.00am on Sunday morning four of us made our way across the fields leading up to the back of the slaughterhouse. We carried a large black bin liner full of well torn up rags (it is very important that the rags are well torn up as they burn far more easily than if left in one piece). Two gallons of paraffin (we have found that paraffin burns for much longer than petrol which has a tendency to burn up very quickly), wirecutters to cut the fencing and a large packet of Zip firelighters. After cutting through the fence we entered the back of the slaughterhouse. One member went forward to check it was clear and then took up his position at the front of the slaughterhouse as look-out. Another member remained at the rear of the building as a further look-out.

Suddenly a guard dog started barking loudly from within the grounds of the slaughterhouse. The four of us immediately retreated back into the field and waited. Any thoughts of cancelling the raid were soon dispelled when we realised the dog was housed in a shed and was unable to get out. We then climbed back over the fence and the look-outs took up their positions and the two of us proceeded to the office buildings. When we reached the building we noticed a large gap between the ground and the wooden floor of the offices so we decided the best place to start the fire was underneath. We made two piles of rags at either end of the building and poured a gallon of paraffin on each. A number of firelighters were then placed on top and an additional firelighter was lit and placed on the top of the pile. After checking that the fire was burning we all then made a hasty retreat across the fields. Half way across the field we stopped and looked back. The whole building was ablaze, the flames leaping thirty feet into the air. Feeling pleased we returned to the car and made our getaway.

On the journey home we disposed of all incriminating evidence of the arson attack including a complete change of clothing.

The raid received extensive local radio and newspaper coverage and we learnt that the building and everything in it had been completely destroyed. An interesting outcome of the raid was the holding of a major public debate in the village, shortly afterwards, against the practices of the slaughterhouse. A final humorous footnote was that two days after the raid a large articulated lorry was stolen, full of meat (value £30,000), and the police were unable to trace the lorry as all its details were, they admitted, destroyed in the fire. Not a very happy Christmas for one slaughterhouse.

SURREY ALF

The Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the fire which destroyed a Portacabin valued at £8,000.

More than £8,000 worth of damage was caused in the blaze which destroyed a portacabin office within half an hour at the slaughter house in Walton Street. Four fire engines attended the scene at 1.50 am. Although firemen believed initially there were no suspicious circumstances the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility. Police are probing

On 6th February twelve ALF activists raided Leys Egg Farm, High Ongar, in Essex. Ninety-one hens were rescued. Ten thousand pounds worth of damage was caused to a car, two caravans, a tractor and two trailers.

BELOW LEFT - One of the hens with one of its rescuers.

BELOW RIGHT - Some of the hens start a new life on a free-range farm.

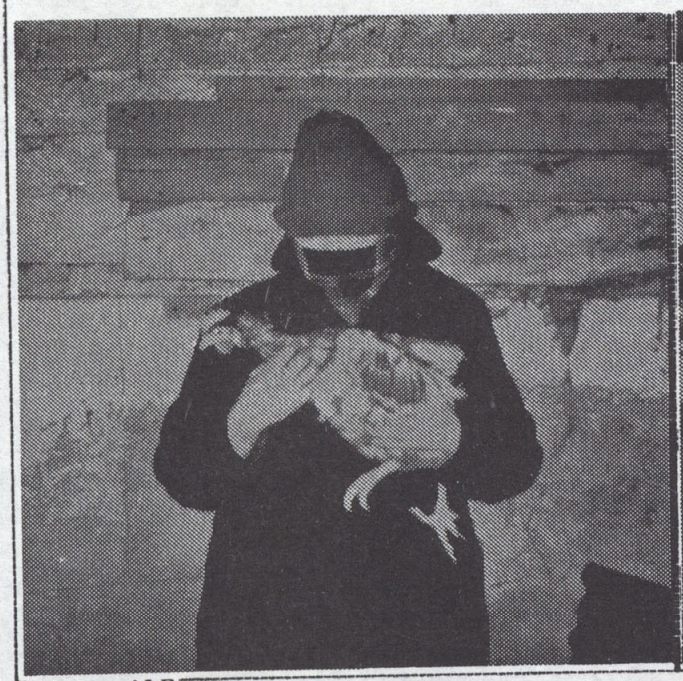


Photo: ALF



Photo: ALF

Prisoners & Defence Funds

The following people are in prison, awaiting sentence, after being convicted of conspiring to burgle Unilever Labs. - Sally Levitt D27314, Lesley Phipps D27315, Beverley Cowley D27316, Virginia Scholey D27317, Nancy Phipps D28005, Debbie Smith D28007, Delia Lowick D28008, all at HM Prison, Parkhurst Rd. Holloway, London N7 ONU. Peter Anderson L64805, Eric Marshall L64806, David Carre L64807, Paul Watkins L64779, Karl Garside L65137, all at HMYCC Glen Parva, Saffron Rd., Wigston, Leics. LE8 2TN. Duncan Thorpe N41997, Jim Snook N41998, Nick Sweet N42186, Nigel Crouch N42187, Alistair Fairweather L64804, at HM Prison, St. Loyes Street, Bedford MK40 1HG. Giles Eldridge E74944, Carl Egan E74945, Boris Barker E74946, Gari Allen E74947, Keith Griffin E74948, Mike McKrell E74949, Julian Webster E74950, Alan Cooper E74960, all at HM Prison, Welford Rd., Leics. LE2 7AJ.

Terry Helsby P85326 is at HM Prison, Romsey Rd., Winchester, Hants. SO22 5DF for alleged damage to a butchers shop window and digging the grave of the Duke of Beaufort. Terry and John Curtin are on trial this week for the alleged digging. Also at Winchester is Gordon Bryant J92309 (21 months, 9 suspended) for the Wickham action. John Quirke has been released.

Iain McCann J92353 is serving a 4 year sentence for an arson attack on vehicles at Cottage Patch Kennels in Hants. and is at HM Prison, Cornhill, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5LU. Mike Nunn J92297 is now at Shepton Mallet, serving a 3 year sentence for the Wickham Labs. action.

Sally Miller D22865 (18 months, 6 suspended) is at HMYCC & Prison, East Sutton Park, Maidstone, Kent ME17 3DF, convicted for the Wickham action and also awaiting sentence for the Unilever charge.

Shaun Ellis H25078 is at HM Prison, 68 Hornby Rd., Liverpool L9 3DF, sentenced to 9 months for causing £7,000 damage to a Lancashire meat co.

Roger Yates VO2605, Ronnie Lee VO2682, Kevin Baldwin TO2959, Gary Cartwright TO2960, Ian Oxley TO2961 are at HM Prison, Hedon Rd., Hull North Humberside HU9 5LS, on remand, charged with conspiring to cause damage in Sheffield and London between January '85 and March '86. Roger was also sentenced to 2 months for damage to shop windows displaying circus posters. He is also charged with threatening that criminal damage would be done to Rackhams dept. store (fur dept.)
Julie Rogers P34407 is at HM Remand Centre, Warrington Rd., Risley, Warrington, Cheshire, on remand, charged with the criminal damage conspiracy as mentioned above. Julie, Kevin, Gary and Ian are also charged with conspiring to steal the Ecclesfield Beagles.

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6 activists have been ordered to do community service for conspiring to cause £12,500 damage to shops and lorries in the Leicester area. They also have to pay £2,900 compensation.
A person in Dorchester fined £125 for damage to a shop window and 2 vans.
Activist ordered to pay £600 for breaking shop window in SW London.
4 people fined a total of £2,600 and bound over to keep the peace for 2 years for damage to Dingles dept. store windows (fur dept.) in Exeter. Donations to Devon Animal Rights (Defence Fund), PO Box 79, Exeter, Devon.
5 animal liberationists from London ordered to pay a total of £750, convicted of damaging the fence of a mink farm.
6 people ordered to pay a total of nearly £2,000 following the breaking of 27 butchers shops

windows in South Humberside. 2 of the 6 also received suspended prison sentences.
2 people charged with criminal damage following the bricking and daubing of a butchers shop near Newmarket.
4 people due to appear before Gloucester Magistrates on charges of damaging butchers shops, a fur shop, Boots and Gloucester cattle market. One of them is already on a suspended sentence.
2 people from Leamington Spa ordered to pay £230 for painting slogans on a butchers shop and a fur shop.
An animal liberation campaigner from Milton Keynes has been committed (on bail) for trial at Crown Court on a charge of conspiracy to cause damage to butchers shops. She is also charged with damaging butchers shops (in the region of £13,000) and going equipped to cause damage.
An animal rights activist in Tonbridge, Kent is charged with theft in connection with the rescue of a dog being kept in a cage.
2 people have been charged in conection with actions carried out in the Preston area.
3 people from Salisbury ordered to pay a total of £169 for spraying slogans on butchers and a cattle transporter.
2 people have been charged accused of spraying slogans on the wall of Holloway prison as a protest against the imprisonment of activists convicted for the Unilever action. One of the people has been fined £450.
4 people are on bail charged with conspiring to cause criminal damage in Sheffield and London between January '85 and March '86. One of these is also charged with conspiring to steal the Ecclesfield Beagles. 2 more people are on bail charged with the Beagles theft.
2 people fined £290 each for alleged damage to butchers shops windows.
3 people have been fined £100 each after being found guilty of attempting to rescue chicks from a hatchery in Stratford.
7 people in France charged with breaking into a laboratory and rescuing 17 monkeys.
A person was fined £25 and ordered to pay £297 compensation for smashing a butchers shop window in Bishops Stortford.
4 Rochdale activists have been charged with offences including damage to hunt thugs cars. £195 fine.
Activist ordered to pay £360 for alleged damage to a vivisectors house.
3 animal rights activists have been fined £56 for spraying slogans around Salisbury city centre.
A person has been ordered to pay £247 in East Sussex for allegedly being a look-out while slogans were sprayed at an abattoir. Donations to BARC, PO Box 307, Ship St., Brighton, Sussex.
2 activists fined £410 each and received 2 year suspended prison sentences for damage to meat lorries and 2 butchers windows.
4 animal rights campaigners charged with damage in Leicester area.
A person ordered to pay fine and costs of £262 for damage to a meat co.
2 activists fined £282 for damage to a butchers and steakhouse.

Please send all donations to ALF SG, BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX, unless where otherwise stated.

Time and time again the importance of saying "NO COMMENT" has been stressed. But still people are co-operating with the police. Still people are admitting guilt. Still people are naming others. The police don't have to be clever while people are being so stupid. The SG has been forced into a situation where unfortunately people are going to have to learn the hard way. From now on anyone who says anything other than name, address and "NO COMMENT" will not receive any support from the SG. That is how seriously we view the situation.

"If you can't do the time - don't do the crime."

HEARTS AND MINDS

During the Vietnam War the Americans tried to win the "hearts and minds" of the people. Thankfully, perhaps, they failed. Nevertheless it is true to say that no struggle can be won unless there is a large scale winning over of the hearts and minds.

There is no doubt that there has to be a massive increase in ALF activity if the day of animal liberation is ever to be achieved. Some other forms of campaigning, such as public education and the instigation of boycotts of cruelly produced products, are essential to the overall struggle for animal liberation but, without a very large amount of direct action aimed at the economic sabotage of the animal abuse industries, a large scale victory over animal persecution will never be attained.

All those who truly care about the animals and who have applied their minds to the question of their liberation are well aware of the importance of direct action. The abusers of animals are well aware of it too.

The animal abusers have been severely stung, and in some cases sent reeling, by an ALF campaign which, despite being severely under-financed and sadly under-supported, has gone straight for their economic jugular. They know that if the ALF gains more support and ALF activities increase sufficiently, their big profits and their lucrative businesses will be swept away in the floodtide of an animal liberation victory. Therefore it is logical that they will try desperately, and by any means, to stem support for the ALF.

There is an undeniable link between the proprietors and bosses of most of the newspapers in this country and the practitioners of animal exploitation. All are involved in big business. All are supporters of the status quo (and have a dislike of anyone who is effectively trying to change it). Many of them move in the same circles and probably mix socially too. It is no wonder then that most newspapers, especially the gutter-press tabloids, are one with the enemy in the counter-offensive against the ALF. It is no wonder that they frequently print inaccurate and even downright malicious articles about the ALF in a desperate attempt to discredit it.

It is a sad thing that members of the public often believe such stories. It is even sadder that they are frequently believed by

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campaigners for animal rights. Saddest of all is that some so-called 'leaders' within the animal protection movement, knowing such stories to be untrue, nevertheless unscrupulously use them in an attempt to erode support for the ALF, which they see as a threat to their own pet methods of campaigning.

So what should supporters of the ALF do about the situation? How can we promote the ALF and counter malicious propoganda put out by ill-informed and misguided people and by supporters of the other side?

First of all we have to get pro-ALF propoganda to the public who may be influenced by the noxious outpourings of the gutter press. We have to write letters in support of the ALF to national and local newspapers and magazines whenever the opportunity presents itself. This is particularly important when anti-ALF items have appeared in such publications. There may even be times when ALF supporters can write quite lengthy articles for publication in the press.

In the not too distant future the ALF SG will be producing a series of leaflets on the various forms of animal abuse. These will also explain what the ALF is all about, how it is combatting animal persecution and what people can do to help the animals and the ALF. It is important that these leaflets are distributed as widely as possible amongst the general public.

Secondly we have to get much more support for the ALF from people already involved in the animal protection movement. Letters, and articles if possible, must be written by ALF supporters in reply to any anti-ALF items which appear in animal rights and animal welfare publications. Local animal rights groups must be persuaded to give support to the ALF. and the SG must put more emphasis on sending speakers to talk to such groups. ALF supporters who are members of animal protection organizations should bring pressure to bear on such societies to support the ALF and to refrain from destructive criticism of ALF activities. This may involve campaigns to remove from office committee members or employees of such societies if these individuals are not sufficiently in favour of the ALF. ALF Action Reports and leaflets must be distributed at all animal rights gatherings so that the whole movement becomes aware of the importance of giving proper support to the ALF.

These are all jobs not for activists but for supporters. The activists have their own job to do, fighting on the front line against animal abuse. But behind the lines an equally important propoganda struggle must be fought and won by the supporters. For there will be no day of freedom for the animals, no day of victory, unless we win the battle for the hearts and minds.

R.L.

Chicks Rescued

On the night of Thursday 6th March a new ALF cell carried out its second successful raid - this time in Knockholt, Kent. Its target was a massive broiler building which held a large number of tiny chicks destined for no better life other than artificial light, heat and the slaughterhouse.

The shed had been checked out previously for alarms, possible entry points and getaway routes.

After we'd been dropped off, a short walk from the unit, we made our way down a footpath to the back of the building. A large black blanket was held over the door to stop the light flooding out, as a useful crowbar aided entry to the world where many hundreds of innocent chicks had been shut away. With the look-out keeping look-out we began to round up and put in boxes the little individuals. After we had acquired all we had homes for, one person daubed "ALF" on an inside wall to let the farmer know who had been visiting. We then set off, glad for the rescued chicks but sickened that places like this exist which imprison millions more. A hitch with the CBs, to check if the driver was ready and waiting, held us up for a few minutes, but all ended well as we eventually got in the van and took the lucky 115 to their new, safe homes.

ALF

Animal libbers force battery farm to close

A THIRD attack by animal libbers has forced Pirbright poultry farmer, Mr. Donald Mason, to quit.

The target of their attacks, the Cricketers Poultry Farm, has been owned by Mr. Mason's family for over 30 years.

Now he says he has had enough.

"The farm is proving unprofitable and if these animal liberation groups come back they will find no hens here."

Woking News & Mail

Following protests and a demonstration by the Camberley & District Animal Rights Group, on 9th April the ALF raided a poultry battery farm in Pirbright, Surrey. Twelve hens were rescued, 5,000 eggs were smashed and £6,000 damage was caused to machinery. The battery had not been cleaned for 8 months and among the featherless chickens activists found rotting dead hens in some of the cages. A couple of weeks later the ALF returned, smashing another 500 dozen eggs. The farm has now closed.

Front claim

PROTESTERS from the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for a break-in to the broiler house of a farm near the Tally Ho in Rushmore Hill, Knockholt. An ALF spokesman told the *Times* that the keeping of the chicks was "immoral" and claimed they had "rescued" 116 chicks. ALF slogans were daubed on the walls of the building.

Orpington Times



PALMA DE MALLORCA

SPAIN

El "Front d'Alliberament Animal" contra las corridas de toros

Un desconocido "Front d'Alliberament Animal", que reivindicó en DM su acción, pintó e intentó quemar la fachada del Coliseo Balear, en protesta por la utilización de toros en la llamada "fiesta nacional". Con alusiones nazis en las pintadas que se prodigaron en las paredes de la plaza de toros, el grupo condena el toreo, insulta a los toreros y arremete contra estas prácticas. En la acción, que no revistió mayor importancia, no fue necesaria la presencia de los bomberos.

The bullfighting arena was attacked on April 16th. The booking offices were damaged by fire, the locks were blocked up with silicon and a lot of slogans were sprayed on walls. On April 26th a fur shop and a gunsmiths were attacked. The locks were blocked with silicon, the walls were sprayed and the glass windows were scratched. On May 1st we put a false bomb into the bullfighting arena and afterwards we telephoned them and the police and they were forced to evacuate the zone. There was a horrible show with bullfighters monkeys - they put the monkey (dressed like a bullfighter) in front of the bull to make the people laugh. There were 'tinys' bullfighters too - they play with the bulls and then the true bullfighters kill them. There were a lot of children there (its prohibited) but the police don't say anything.
We sign as 'F.A.A.' (Front d'Alliberament Animal), it's the same as ALF in Catalan language.

All the best for you,

F.A.A.
ALF Spain,
c/o BCM 1160,
London WC1N 3XX.

— Norfolk —

A new ALF cell has formed in Norfolk and it's first action took place on Sunday 27th/ Monday 28th April. Activists glued up the locks of 50-60 shops and businesses involved in animal abuse. These ranged from butchers and furriers to gun shops and fishing shops. Also the "Coypu Control" van, which was standing outside the Norwich M.A.F.F. headquarters, had it's tyres slashed, locks glued up, "MAFF Murderers" and "ALF" sprayed on the side, windscreen and windows shattered and it was also paintstripped. Activists left after causing an estimated £600 damage, preventing the death of many coypu whilst the van was being repaired.

On May 11th, nineteen chickens were liberated from broiler sheds belonging to Mr. R. Winch. The chickens had lost many feathers and their skin was red raw. Their feet were crooked. Slogans were sprayed on sheds - "Winch's Death Camp" and "ALF". The chickens are all in good, safe homes. Despite reports and photos to local press, radio and TV there was no media coverage whatsoever. The farm is 9 miles North of Norwich in a village called Upgate. This is the third raid on this establishment and ALF graffiti is still on the inside of the sheds.

We are living on a shoestring budget at the moment and are trying to build up funds to buy more tools etc.

Yours for animal liberation,

NORFOLK ALF

Shops glued up by animal lib

FIFTY Norwich shops and businesses fell victim to animal libbers over the weekend, the Animal Liberation Front claimed today.

In a telephone call to the Evening News office early today, a spokesman said they had glued up door locks. He said the action was taken on premises "involved in animal exploitation."

Norwich police today confirmed that the locks on a number of premises — ranging from butchers' shops to gunsmiths — had been tampered with.

A Coypu Control vehicle had also had a tyre slashed.

Eastern Evening News
28th April '86

DJURENS BEFRIELSEFRONT

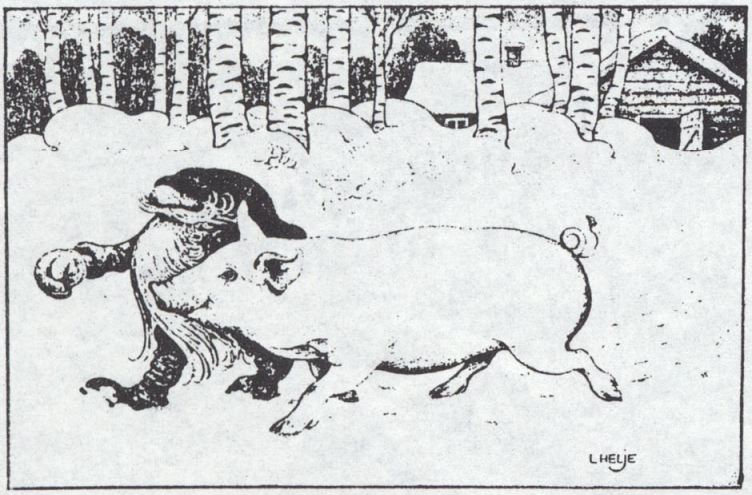
A group of animal rights campaigners in Southern Sweden had their first meetings in January '85 in order to form a group of the same type as the British action groups of the Animal Liberation Front. It was decided that we should name the group "Djurens Befrielse-front" (DBF) which literally is Swedish for Animal Liberation Front. Our base is in Malmo, Sweden's third largest city, and, so far, the actions carried out have taken place here in Sweden's Southernmost province, Skane (Scania in English).

Our first action was the rescue of 2 beagles from cruel experiments at the Dental High School in Malmo, in the night of June 22nd. The female dogs were in an experiment with 8 other dogs and the experiment was about peri-odontoclasia. The dogs were given extra soft food so their teeth were starting to fall out. One of the liberated dogs had hardly any teeth left, she had a sort of metal splint in her mouth and she refused to eat anything other than soft food. The other dog hadn't yet lost her teeth and she really liked real dog food. The police haven't found the two beagles and they never will. The dogs are safe!

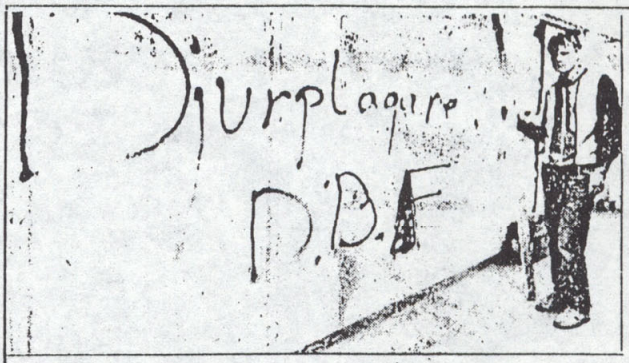
The next action was the release of hundreds of mink from a fur farm near Malmo, in the night of 24th August. Many hundreds of the remaining mink had their furs dyed red and blue. It was a hard summer night's job to dye the excited animals. The fur farmer's mini tractor was sabotaged and had to be re-paired. The breeding cards were destroyed.

Both actions got a lot of attention in the newspapers, local and national, as well as on the radio and TV news.

Ca 50 km North of Malmo (near the small town of Eslov) lives a farmer, Mr. Ernst Jung who has made himself infamous among animal lovers and nature conservationists by applying for, and getting, permission to shoot herons, an otherwise protected species. He has cray-fish ponds which, naturally, attracted the herons. He has also turned to fallow deer farming and in fenced-off fields he keeps the deer for the purpose of "safari hunting".



"Befriaren" av L. Helje
("The Rescuer" by L. Helje)
Sweden



Tandläkarhögskolans försökshundar stals

DENTIST HIGH SCHOOLS DOGS STOLEN

On the wall is written: "Animal torturers". It's a message from the people who stole two dogs from the Dentist High School in Malmo on Saturday night. Some time before 8 o'clock Saturday evening and 8 o'clock Sunday morning the Dentist High School was broken into. The activists had, after much effort, managed to break into the ward chief's office. In a bowl on his desk was the key to the room where 7 beagles are kept. Two dogs, Tessan, 3 years and Disa, 1 year, are gone. It looks like the activists knew the premises before-hand. And they wrote "Animal Torturers" and the initials "DBF" on the wall. "It must mean Animal Liberation Front", says Bjorn Klinge, the ward chief, "It's an organisation in England, sabotaging scientific institutions where they have lab. animals. But it's the first time I've heard of it in Sweden. If the dogs suffer when operated on I don't know, but we don't think so. If they suffer we give them painkillers." The animal welfare societies disapprove of the action, "I believe the animals suffer more now" says Britt Lindstrom of Djurens vanner ("Friends of Animals") and she hopes the dogs will be returned or put to sleep. The lab. staff hope to get the dogs back - "You don't have to go to the police. Just call us and tell us where the dogs are."

On a windy night in April we visited the big farm and cut the fences in several places in order to let the fallow deer escape. Exactly how many did escape is hard to say, perhaps 10-12. In August we returned. He had by now extended the fenced-in areas. And we were met by a nasty sight: the fences were "decorated" by killed and hanged crows, rooks and jackdaws. The bastard probably thought they would deter wild birds from entering his domain. We took down the black corpses, cut the fence again and then carefully approached a small enclosure where he kept wild boar, 2 sows and 10-11 piglets. We cut the padlock, opened the gate and let the curious (and noisy) boar out to their freedom. A month later, a farmer living some kilometres away complained that the boar family had had a nightly feast in his turnip field!

But the biggest liberation act in 1985 was yet to come: the rescue of 37 golden retrievers from a cruel "dog breeder" ca 100 km North of Malmo, in the night of October 22nd. The dogs were in a terrible state. The news media really covered it. TV made a special feature which also included some information on ALF in the UK, a short interview with Mr. Ronnie Lee, excerpts from "The Animals Film" and quotations from our letters.

In January 1986 we rescued an alsatian which was left outdoors in a small cement enclosure from 6 o'clock in the morning to 6 o'clock at night without water and food. His owner was away working (70 km North of Malmo).

We have a lot to do, of course. Especially in the beginning it takes time to form an efficient group. ALF could teach us a lot on organisation, how to get financial support and how to get more animal lovers over the threshold to become activists etc.

Our main targets are lab. animals, hunting, the fur trade, maltreatment of pets and animal factories.

Best regards,

DBF
(Malmo area)

26th Feb 31

Gerillan slog mot häls

Tog 15 försö ur hans upp

HELSINGBORG I måndags slog organisationen Djurens befrielsefront till mot hälsovårdschefen i Helsingborg, Rolf Andersson. Han blev av med 15 unghundar som skulle saltas till djurförsök.

Guerrillas raided sanitary inspectors place
TOOK 15 LAB. DOGS
On Monday DBF undertook an action against the chief of sanitary inspection in Helsingborg, Mr. Rolf Andersson. Thereby he lost 15 young dogs which were to be used for vivisection.
In Orkelljunga is one of the country's biggest breeding stations of lab. dogs. 110 bitches produce ca 500 puppies a year which are then sold to medical factories. The breeding station is owned by Mr. Rolf Andersson and his wife Mary.
Neither he nor his wife want to give comments - they will let the police try to locate the dogs and the dog thieves.
"Let them look for us and the dogs! They will never find the dogs" DBF declare. "They have already got good homes and will live happy lives."
DBF have been watching Andersson's dog breeding for a long time. "You find many unserious dog breeders in the forests around Orkelljunga. Not so many people notice the places and the business could go on, were it not for us."
Last autumn DBF took away 37 dogs from another dog breeder nearby.

Malmö

"Låt djuren ha sin päls"

Djurens Befrielsefr slog till mot minkfa

MALMÖ: Djurens Befrielsefront, DBF, har slagit till igen. Denna gång på en minkfarm i Bjärshög, strax utanför Malmö. Natten till söndagen tog sig aktionsgruppen in på området, öppnade dörrarna till flertalet burar plus porten i stängslet som omgärdar farmen. Hundratals minkar försvann ut på de angränsande fälten.
Många av de helvita minkarna



"Let the animals keep their furs"
DBF RAIDED MINK FARM
Malmo: Djurens Befrielsefront, DBF, have struck again, this time against a mink farm in Bjarshog, just outside Malmo.
On Saturday night the action group entered the mink farm, opened a lot of cages and also opened the entrance gate which is part of the fence enclosing the farm area. Hundreds of mink escaped and ran off across the adjacent fields. Many of the remaining white mink had been sprayed with red dye, the reason being, according to a letter to the newspaper, "to cause great economic damage to the owner of the mink farm".

On the wall of the house the activists have written with green letters "Concentration camp" and "Let the animals keep their furs", signed DBF. A piece of cloth was left on the cages saying "With thanks from DBF". Sven Ahlgren, who runs the farm with his brothers, fears that the action is not isolated and would like to get in contact with the group members to show them how the farm is run. "We like our animals and take best care of them. OK, we slaughter them but so does a farmer with his pigs and cattle."

John O Strad is the director of "Fur Animal Breeders Organisation" and he is also worried. "I'm afraid that this is a part of a plan and fur animal breeders can probably expect more actions of this kind." In Sweden there are ca 600 mink farms. Mr. Strad will now warn his members. "I will send a letter to all of them and tell them what happened in Skane. A 100% security is not possible but locks on the gates and maybe patrolling night guards are ways to stop actions like this." Strad is not surprised, he has feared that it would happen sooner or later. DBF also attacked a fur shop in Stockholm, sprayed paint on the windows and filled the door locks with glue. "And it has happened in other countries, particularly England and Holland."

ALF SWEDEN, C/O BCM 1160,
LONDON, WC1N 3XX.

Decorate to Liberate

On 1st April five ALF activists paid a visit to Brightons Dolphinarium. Red spray paint was used and slogans were daubed on the doors and windows, causing this cruel establishment to repaint part of its property. Two weeks later ALF activists returned with more paint, again covering the doors and windows with slogans. Not surprisingly the Dolphinarium, through the pages of the local press, denied any attacks on its property.
In the early hours of Saturday morning (26th April) activists visited the home of Mr. Edwin Villiers Lonsdale of 9, Colebrook Rd., Withdean, Brighton, founder and major shareholder of Shamrock Farms (primate torture centre). Red paint was thrown over his front door, lower walls, windows and porch. Unfortunately Mr. Lonsdale was not at home at the time so the bottle of paint-stripper taken to strip his car was saved for another day.
On 10th May 4 ALF activists visited the home of former Shamrock Farms director George Tribe of 3, Teal Close, Horsham, Sussex. Red paint was thrown over his front door, walls, windows and porch. His white Colt vehicle was also paint-stripped, causing £2,000 worth of damage.

SUSSEX ALF

Editors note: George Tribes new concern involves, amongst other things, importing and dealing in dogs for vivisection.

BRIGHTON animal rights protesters have launched a new attack on the controversial animal centre, Shamrock Farm.
Early today they daubed red paint on walls and doors at the home of the farm's founder, Mr Edwin Villiers Lonsdale, in Colebrooke Road, Withdean, Brighton.
And an anonymous caller to the Evening Argus threatened more serious attacks until Shamrock Farm at Small Dole, near Henfield, closes.

Paint attack on vet's home
Animal rights extremists today attacked the home of vet George Tribe, a former director of Shamrock Farm., Henfield, where animals are kept for experiments.
Red paint was daubed on Mr Tribe's Horsham home and paint stripper poured over his car.
The Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility.

Animal Rights Militia

It seems to the Militia that the only way or options now open to us of achieving animal liberation is unfortunately through violence, be it either towards property or actual animal abusers.

it was not a decision which was reached lightly by anybody connected with the Militia, it may be that through violence nothing will be achieved, but to turn our backs on the concept of violence would be to betray all the abused animals we are fighting to liberate. For a hundred years has passed with peaceful demonstrations achieving nothing, in fact it has made the animals position worse, as can be seen in the White Paper, so as far as the animals are concerned they have nothing to lose except their suffering.

Unfortunately, over the past year there has been a marked decline in such actions, where the resistance to animal abuse has not been crushed by the government and their sycophants, it has continually been sold down the road by lefties intent only on furthering their own political interests. Regretably, until now the various struggles have failed to escalate beyond the terrain of relatively peaceful actions against animal abusers, causing them only minor irritation. In many cases militant action has been watered down by pacifists who believe animal liberation can be achieved by lobbying their corrupt MPs or by simply letting off a few black balloons outside laboratories - unfortunately, these people have failed totally to grasp the enormity of the struggle ahead.

It has recently come to the notice of the Militia that there has been a marked decline in actions against a number of vivisectors who were the target of our bombs. It never fails to amaze us how naive many people in the animal rights movement are, do they really believe animal liberation will be achieved without the government throwing all their forces at us? We think not, much of what is done is done half-heartedly to ease their conscience. The Militia says to these people either get out of the struggle or knuckle down to the fight ahead, because things will be getting much worse, that the Militia guarantees.

For history has shown that one very effective method for implementing change has been to frighten the abusers. When we begin to take the struggle to the front doors of those who wield their destructive power, then and only then may we succeed in our struggle for a society free from abuse of any kind.

In the Militias latest action we could have killed all four bastards but we didn't. What we did was to give our last and final warning - either leave the animal abuse industry or face the consequences, for whatever action the Militia now takes there will be no warnings.

Regretably, it seems once people have enforced change, as in the recent White Paper, they fail to go the full hog. We must ensure this time there won't be any half measures and that we will only be satisfied when there is a complete change in the structure of society where the animals and humans both have freedom. That is why the Militia will be intensifying our campaign against all forms of animal abuse and this time it will include killings, for a hundred years have passed and very little has been achieved. The government can make any pathetic law they want to protect animals, but when it comes down to it the animal abusers are subject to our justice and this will be swift and effective.

The role of the Militia is to widen, with actions, the concept of animal liberation, so that Militia style actions will take root in all areas of the country, with nothing short of total revolution as the ultimate goal.

Revolution,
Communique 3,
ANIMAL RIGHTS MILITIA

NB. In line with our 'no more warnings' policy, in early April we planted a powerful bomb at the home of a cancer research vivisector in North London. Unfortunately, shortly before it was due to explode the vivisector saw it and it was defused by the bomb squad. Next time the scum won't be so lucky.

Brake pipes cut in animal rights raid

ANIMAL-RIGHTS campaigners cut brake, fuel and power-steering pipes on a pig farmer's vehicles.

A caller claiming to be from the Animal Liberation Front told the Gazette a protest against intensive farming had been made at Mr West's premises in London Road, Stanway.

In the late-night attack:
● Brakes and fuel lines and power-steering links were cut on three heavy vehicles.
● Sugar was poured into fuel tanks.
● Diesel and oil were spilled over the yard — only feet from a huge stack of hay and straw.
● Graffiti was sprayed on buildings and vehicles.

One of Mr West's sons was due to take a giant commercial fork-lift truck out onto the A12 early on Saturday.

He was stopped by mechanics who had seen the graffiti and made the frightening discovery.

"I cannot honestly comprehend the mentality of the Animal Liberation Front," said Mr West.

"I have kept pigs for 27 years, and have never had a single complaint from a soul about the way I keep my livestock."

Evening Gazette
Colchester

21st April

If you would like someone to speak on behalf of the ALF to your local animal rights group or at public meetings etc., please write to BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX and, if possible, let us have a phone no. that we can contact.

Due to recent arrests the completion of the ALF video has been delayed. It should be finished shortly. Details in next newsletter. Meanwhile, please continue to send us video recordings of ALF related TV items which, if you want will be returned after it has been copied.

Enclosed is an order form for ALF SG merchandise. Please make sure you send all orders to the address on the form and not to the BCM address.

Liberation Front declare war

IRELAND

WAR HAS BEEN declared on farmers who co-operate with coursing clubs.

And the first shots in a battle that will be waged nationwide were fired in Kilkenny last week when the grounds of the North Kilkenny coursing club were sabotaged by the Animal Liberation Front.

A spokesman for the A.L.F. who rang the "Kilkenny People" said "we consider all farmers who facilitate coursing clubs as legitimate targets".

Kilkenny People
9th Jan

The ALF in Eire has grown considerably since our small beginnings in early '84, the number of activists has increased and actions are becoming more frequent.

We first came to public attention in Nov. of '84, having claimed bottles of Sunsilk shampoo had been laced with bleach in three counties because of cruel experiments carried out by the company. Front page articles appeared in every national newspaper and police "investigations" started, all to no avail. A national animal rights organisation had its office raided and street campaigners were hassled for information on the activists involved. Actions continued unabaited and a campaign against butcher shops resulted in the Irish Butchers Federation demanding extra protection for their shops.

Currently, we are involved in a highly successful campaign against bloodsports. On 27th August '85, a monument to the worlds most famous hound, situated in Co. Waterford, was tarred by activists who left a note warning "when you fix it up we will f*** it up". The monument was of Master McGrath, who won the Waterloo Cup three times. This action preceded a number of raids on coursing clubs (in Eire hares are captured and kept for enclosed coursing). On September 26th hares were released from a coursing club in Mitchelstown, Co. Cork and there were other similar raids. In two nights of action, Dec. 10th and Jan. 1st four coursing properties were attacked in Waterford, Kilkenny and Tipperary. Due to the bloodsports fraternitys abhorrence of publicity, they have refused to speak to police or the press after their property has been attacked. The result of which has been little or no police intervention in our activities (as regards anti-coursing action).

Small ALF groups now exist in the South, South-East and East of Eire, with contact between each. There have also been a number of actions carried out by anonymous groups - in March of last year the Canadian Embassy was sprayed with slogans against the seal cull, around the same time 15 butcher shops were attacked, by persons unknown, during a night of action in Cork. Hopefully, the publicity from our recent anti-coursing raids will spark some support from anti-bloodsport factions.

It is marvellous to know ALF activity is growing around the world and we look forward to the day when animal persecution ends, which it will.

Yours for the liberation of
all animals from suffering,

IRISH ALF

c/o BCM 1160,
London WC1N 3XX.

100 Hens in Heist

Shortly before dawn on Saturday 5th April an ALF group broke into one of the battery units at Clayton Villa Farm, near Chorley, using crowbars. With homes for a hundred hens the intention had been to liberate this number but due to transport problems only seventy-eight were liberated. As a number of people on the raid were carrying out their first action, lights were used, which also assisted in the taking of photographs.

We returned to the unit on Tuesday 22nd April to liberate another thirty-two hens to join their friends at a safe home in the Midlands. Although the factory farmer had taken extra security measures with the doors we were still able to force our way in. Within minutes the hens were on their way to a life of freedom.

This was the fourth time this unit has been raided - will it be the last?

ALF

WESTERN
Daily Press 11th March

ANIMAL rights fanatics yesterday carried out a hate attack on the home of Bristol furrier Mark Michaels.

They daubed Murderer on the garage door, splashed red paint on the driveway and house walls, poured paint thinner on the family car, and put glue in its lock.

A caller to a Bristol newspaper claimed the Animal Liberation Front did it.

Mr Michaels' shop in Clifton has been the target for dozens of similar attacks in recent years.

The Northern Echo
19th March

ANIMAL liberation activists have claimed responsibility for paint attacks on two Tyneside scientists' homes.

They daubed the words: "Animal torture" on the door of one of the houses in Gosforth, Newcastle, yesterday.

Hampshire Chronicle 7th March

Animal Liberation Front symbols were scratched on cars parked near Winchester's Guildhall last Friday night, causing damage which could run into thousands of pounds.

Nine cars were vandalised in a protest directed against people attending the Hampshire Hunt Ball at the time.

Evening Post
Bristol
30th April

Red oxide paint and paint stripper was poured over four vehicles at Fair Ash Poultry Farm, Compton Martin, near Bristol.

Damage has been estimated at more than £2,000.

Dulwich, Clapham,
Streatham Guardian.
30th Jan.

ANIMAL rights fanatics have vandalised a Dulwich doctor's car in a continued hate campaign.

The activists have been making Dr Brian Meldrum's life a misery for the past six years.

He had a bomb put under his car earlier this month, he has had death threats, paint thrown at his house and objectional items coming through the post.

Members of the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the most recent attack on Thursday night.

They threw brake fluid all over the doctor's car in Croxted Road.

They said it was a protest against the experiments Dr Meldrum carried out on baboons in his research to find a cure for epilepsy.

Herts Advertiser
7th Feb

POLICE have confirmed that a fire at Electronic Poultry Aids, Kimpton, in January, for which the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility, was arson.

ALF in tech college raid

ANIMAL activists caused thousands of pounds' worth of damage when they struck at NESCOT over the weekend.

They released 300 animals they claim were being used for experiments.

After drilling through a door to gain entry to a classroom, members of the Animal Liberation Front

- Splattered red paint around the room.
- "Liberated" around 300 mice, rats, gerbils and hamsters.
- Scattered papers and files around.
- Sprayed solvent on the walls.
- Daubed slogans on the walls.

In calls to the media to claim responsibility for the raid, a spokeswoman said that if NESCOT restocked the animals, they would strike again and "burn the place down."

She also claimed that files and documents stolen by the group proved that experiments had been carried out on animals at the Reigate Road college.

On Saturday morning 19th April ALF activists broke into a unit of NESCOT (North East Surrey College of Technology.) They rescued every single animal, over 300 mice, rats, gerbils and hamsters, caused thousands of pounds of damage and took files containing documented evidence of the genetic and maternal deprivation experiments carried out there - all the animals have now been placed in good, caring homes.

Full report and photos in the next newsletter.

Ewell Advertiser
24th April

ARSON AT ABATTOIR

ANIMAL liberation fanatics have claimed responsibility for a blaze which caused an estimated £15,000 worth of damage at a Macclesfield abattoir last week.

Police confirmed they are treating the fire at Bloors, Queens Avenue as arson following telephone calls to an evening newspaper by a man claiming to be from the Animal Liberation Front.

The protesters broke in by smashing an office window in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

Petrol was poured on the floor and a fire started. They fled after setting fire to two lorries and a Mercedes car and slashing tyres.

The fire brigade used jets to extinguish the blaze, which did not spread beyond the office, and found a bottle containing petrol near to one of the lorries.

Macclesfield Express Advertiser

27th March

FISH FREED

In the early hours of Sunday 18th May, 35 ALF activists smashed their way into the Freshwater Biological Association laboratories, near Ambleside in Cumbria, using sledgehammers, having dealt with an electrified fence.

Approximately 2,000 Brown Trout, Salmon and Char were netted from their tanks and ferried in buckets out of the complex and across a road, where they were released into the Lake Windermere.

Using implants, various drugs and antibiotics are administered to the fish in experiments to solve some of the problems of factory farming these fish (eg. one of the main problems is fin rot). Char, incidentally, are deep water fish, living in only a few lakes in Britain and for them to adjust to concrete ponds and pellet food is another example of animal exploitation. Documents taken from the labs. show the main emphasis was on stress experiments.

Reports to the media mentioned the fact that the aims of the raid were two-fold. Firstly, to rescue the fish from vivisection and certain death, secondly to highlight yet another type of food the public are eating, from which they are absorbing trace elements of drugs and anti-biotics which the fish receive in their pellet food and which is also administered to the water in their concrete 'stews'. Some of the fish in the tanks were dead.

Using a video camera with a special light fitting the raid was recorded. The video was shown on North West TV and the raid also received extensive press and radio coverage.

The fish were worth £10,000. Photographs in the next newsletter.

ALF

FISH LIBERATED

Two thousand fish were released yesterday into Windermere from tanks at the Fresh Water Biological Association's headquarters on the edge of the lake. The Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility in a phone call to a local radio station.

Daily Telegraph

MASKED animal rights militants "liberated" hundreds of fish yesterday in an SAS-style dawn raid on a research centre.

The 35-strong army sledge-hammered their way into the centre near Ambleside, Cumbria, and carted off more than 2,000 brown trout in water-filled buckets.

Last night the Animal Liberation Front, who admitted carrying out the raid, said the fish were "set free" in Lake Windermere.

ANIMAL RIGHTS EXTREMISTS ATTACK UNIVERSITY HOMES

ANIMAL Rights extremists attacked the homes of four University of Surrey staff over the weekend, and have made further threats of violence.

In a co-ordinated series of attacks, the victims' homes were daubed with animal rights slogans and covered with red paint.

Guildford Times

12th April

In April the ALF visited the homes of 4 vivisectors at Surrey University. Their houses were drenched in red paint and slogans were sprayed. Their cars were paintstripped and had their tyres slashed. Those attacked were - Scobie Trumper, 7 White Court, Thornton Close (Tel. Guildford 35143), Dr. Costas Ioannides, 32 Summertons Close (Guildford 33143), Professor J.W.T. Dickerson, 16 Poyle Rd., Guildford and Professor D.V. Parke, 11 Poyle Rd, Guildford.

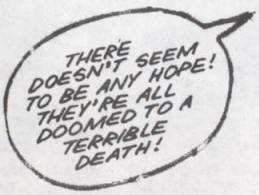


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INTERNATIONAL RESCUE





INTERNATIONAL RESCUE PREPARES FOR ACTION...











Photos, clockwise from top left, pigs rescued in Holland, dogs rescued in Sweden, dogs rescued in Germany, mice and rats rescued in England and hens rescued in the USA.

SUPPORTERS GROUP newsletter 19

The Supporters Group is for people who, for one reason or another, cannot or do not wish to take part in direct action. The SG helps arrested activists with fines and legal expenses, assists with the welfare of those who are imprisoned, maintains several press officers in different parts of the country, gives talks about the ALF to interested parties and produces and distributes literature to educate people about animal persecution and what the ALF is doing to stop it.

The Animal Liberation Front takes direct action against all forms of animal abuse. This action falls basically into two categories.

1) *The rescue or liberation of animals from premises or establishments in order to save them from persecution. Such animals are usually taken to good homes where they will be properly cared for. Animals are only released into the wild if they have a reasonable chance of survival.*
2) *Damage to property or premises connected with animal abuse. This is done in order to disrupt the persecution of animals and to cause financial loss to the animal abusers so as to reduce the money they are able to invest in animal abuse, to force them out of business or to encourage them to mend their ways.*

Often both types of action take place during the same raid.

It is against ALF policy to use serious personal violence against anybody. In other words, in the course of an action it would be OK to restrain somebody or perhaps tie them up but not acceptable to punch them in the nose or otherwise injure them. The exception to this is self-defence. If attacked, ALF activists are entitled to defend themselves using reasonable methods. If possible activists will carry out raids in such a way as to avoid confrontation with the opposition.

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Twenty Hens Liberated

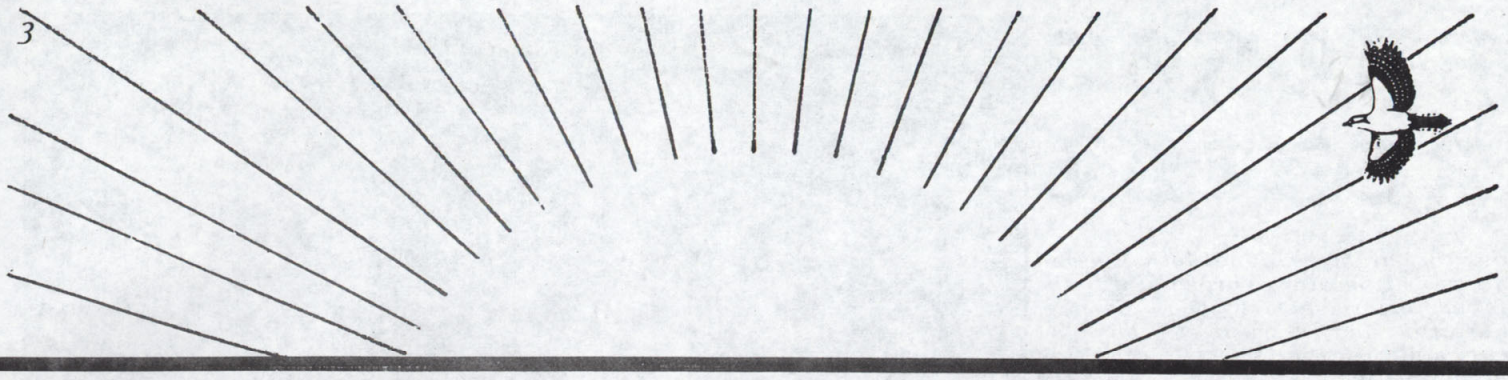


IN THE EARLY HOURS OF TUESDAY 3RD JUNE THE SUSSEX ALF VISITED BAY TREE BATTERY FARM AT POLEGATE, EAST SUSSEX

The farm, having been checked out the week before, was an easy target. No dogs or alarms and the farmhouse set well back from the battery units. With the aid of a pair of boltcutters the ALF unit forced its way into the first battery. A crowbar was used to open the cages and twenty hens were removed and loaded into a heavily disguised van. They have now gone to good free-range homes.

SUSSEX ALF

Photo: Sussex ALF



MORNING HAS BROKEN: Ten Years of the ALF

It was on a night in June 1976 that a small group of people entered the premises of Charles River laboratory animal breeding centre near Margate in Kent. The damage they caused there to vehicles and packaging used to transport small animals to laboratories constituted the first ever Animal Liberation Front action. The Band of Mercy, a direct action group which had been formed in the early seventies, had now become the ALF.

Ten years later the struggle still goes on. Sadly no kind of animal persecution has been completely abolished during this time but the actions of the ALF have caused a considerable dent in many areas of animal abuse.

During the last ten years the ALF has caused millions of pounds worth of damage to premises and property connected with animal abuse and saved many hundreds of thousands of animals from suffering in cruel establishments such as factory farms and vivisection laboratories. A large number of these animals have been directly rescued from such places but the majority have been saved as a result of the sabotage and economic loss caused by property damage.

Especially in recent years many businesses and establishments involved in animal persecution have closed down following ALF action against them. These include vivisection labs., factory farms, fur farms, fur shops and butchers shops. Others have reduced their involvement in animal abuse (eg. battery farms going over to free-range production).

In the past ten years the official figures for painful experiments on animals in the UK have fallen by over one million and the ALF has had a large part to play in the bringing about of this reduction. At the same time there has been a phenomenal increase in the number of vegetarians, due in no small part to the light cast on factory farming and the meat trade by direct action. Publicity gained by the ALF has attracted many thousands more people to the general movement for animal rights.

Over the ten years of its history the number of ALF activists in Britain has increased from an original number of about 30 to an estimated figure of over 1500 today and the number of actions has gone up from about 5 a month to over 40 every week. The success of the ALF has brought about the formation of ALF groups and groups carrying out similar actions in many other countries throughout the world. These include the USA, Canada, Holland, Germany, Sweden, Spain, New Zealand and Australia.

In 1982 the ALF Supporters Group was set up to give support to the ALF in every possible legal way and membership of the SG has increased to its current figure of about 1500 and is still going up.

Unfortunately over this ten year period there has also been an increase in certain things which are potentially harmful to the animal liberation movement and the animals. At the time of writing this article there are nearly 40 animal liberation campaigners in prison, more than ever before, and a total of almost 100 have now spent time in jail. To a large extent this has been the result of the increase in action but the police are now spending more of their time and energy in pursuit of animal liberation activists.

Because of the success of the ALF against the very powerful animal abuse industries and its threat to the status quo, the gutter press has now weighed in on the side of the enemy with a vilification campaign against the activists. Unfortunately some of the nonsense put out by the media has been believed by some in the animal rights movement.

But it isn't only certain sections of the media that have turned against the ALF. Foolishly jealous of the ALF's success and perceiving ALF direct action as posing a threat to their toothless pet, political campaigning, representatives of some animal protection societies have also indulged in negative and irrational criticism of ALF action.

All in all though, the first ten years of the ALF have been successful to a degree far beyond the hopes of the small band of people who founded the organization in the late spring of 1976. A degree of success which has given happiness and freedom to a multitude of animals who would otherwise have suffered torture, deprivation, imprisonment and ultimate death. The persecutors of our fellow creatures are at long last on the run before the forces of animal liberation. The darkness of the night of tyranny recedes at last before the first light of the dawn of freedom.

R.L.

AACHEN RESCUE

On the night of June 14th German animal liberators broke into the laboratories at Aachen General Hospital and rescued 13 dogs, 1 cat and 6 rabbits, also removing a quantity of documents and the corpses of a number of badly mutilated animals which had already died at the hands of the experimenters. For a week following the raid, the Director of the animal laboratories, Prof. Werner Kupper, denied that any animals had been liberated, but changed his story after a press conference was held outside the hospital, at which photos of the rescued dogs and some of the corpses were issued to the media.





Above: Some of the rescued dogs
Left: Some of the mutilated corpses

YOUR DIRECT ↓ ACTION

As every Supporters Group member knows, Animal Liberation Front activists have accomplished more in a single decade than constitutional campaigns have in over a century. But are the activists using their resources effectively enough or should they perhaps be reconsidering their strategy?

Would not concerted action against one particular aspect of animal exploitation bring about a desired conclusion more rapidly than the spreading of limited resources? We have recently seen major inroads being made against the fur trade and with an even more concentrated effort we could see the total collapse of this disgusting industry by the end of the decade. This action coupled with the promise that bloodsports will then become the activists number One target might hopefully convince the Tally Ho set that there are more suitable pastimes for them, that are much less dangerous not only to animals but also to their own well-being and property. Should they fail to heed the warning then maybe the destruction of the family Rolls or nice new Range Rover will get it through their sherry befuddled heads that it really is time to take up croquet. Although it must be added that recently they seem to have discovered the new 'sport' of Hippy Hunting.

Although I believe in concentrating our energy against one aspect of animal exploitation at a time, this does not in any way mean that other elements of this monstrous inhumanity should escape our wrath and indignation. What better way to see in the '90s; no fur trade, no bloodsports and hopefully a more coherent ALF who could then mobilise their resources against either of the other two major sicknesses of our present day 'Animal Loving' society, factory farming and vivisection. The sadistic pseudo-scientists and their counterparts the factory farmers, with their concentration camps for defenceless animals, must be made to see by varying degrees of activity that what they are doing is singularly the most heinous crime ever committed by mankind. Rather than letting them off the proverbial hook whilst the activists concentrate on the Fur Trade and Bloodsports, we must keep reminding them that, unless they mend their ways, they themselves are next in line for the 'Killer Punch'.

As the activists escalate their actions so too, I'm afraid, will the minders of those huge multinational concerns who control a vast majority of all exploitation, be it of animals or their fellow man. We are seeing a frightening rise in vicious and illegal methods of arrest, interrogation

and incarceration by the brainwashed boys in blue who are the perfect example of the end product of a society riddled with a disease known as Media Manipulation (eg. reports on ALF in recent gutter press). No longer is it a case of being arrested and being allowed the right to have your solicitor present, because due to the massive new powers of the recent police act it is now far easier for the front men of our fascist regime to hold a 'terrorist' incommunicado whilst 'working' on others arrested in connection with the alleged crime.

It cannot be stated strongly enough that each group of activists must have a good understanding of their comrades personality and psychological strengths AND weaknesses. It is invariably the HARD men who break first so activists should be careful when considering partners in what the state says is a crime. The unfortunate mentality presently permeating the ALF is that they seem unaware of the seriousness of Direct Action. Whereas it may be possible that the majority of society sympathises with the ALF, it is not that silent majority that sentences the unfortunate activists who all too often appear in court after being informed on by their erstwhile trusted colleagues.

Interrogation, sentencing and imprisonment are all under direct control of a capitalist state which, because of its vested interests, must ultimately disregard the moral rights and wrongs of the Animal Rights Movement and protect its financial investments. In exactly the same way that these neo-nazi administrators disregard all animal rights, they also show a total lack of respect for such basic human rights as freedom of speech and movement (many animal rights campaigners are currently in custody, either serving sentences or on remand, others who are on bail are subject to such Draconian conditions that they are liable to lose their liberty for just contacting or being in the company of fellow 'terrorists') and choice of diet (eg. the sick, senile transvestite wearing the fancy wig and pretty gown who presided at the Unilever trial and stated that if the defendants could not eat the statutory flesh meals provided by the court authorities, they could eat bread and water instead).

The government consider activists to be dangerous terrorists and treat them accordingly. If an active group agrees (as they should do) that the "No Comment" routine is the best possible way (which it most certainly is) of combatting the sophisticated interrogation techniques of highly trained and well paid officers, then that policy of "No Comment" must be adhered to by all until legal consultation is taken, no matter what the persuasive efforts of your 'friendly neighbourhood boot boy' may be. And they can be very persuasive. There does not seem to be any method they will not employ in an attempt to break the will of an activist.

Depending on the appearance of the suspect the police will then decide what is the most suitable method of gaining an admission. It appears that animal rights activists are classified by the police into five stereotyped categories; dotty old dears, political agitators financed by either the Kremlin or Gadafi, bisexual-dopesmoking-longhaired-wildeyed-hippies, spikey-haired punks more interested in Anarchy than Animal Rights, or middle-of-the-road "liberal-bloody-SDP supporters" who prefer animals to humans because of a hang-up about sex or their mother. According to the category, police tend to employ a particular type of interrogation technique. These techniques are as follows; "Your mates have made a statement, so why not help yourself and tell us the truth". When this is met with "No Comment" they change tack. Their new line of attack will then be to psychologically break down the suspects will to resist by threatening violence or, in extreme cases, actually carrying it out. This is often accompanied by threats to involve ones family and loved ones.

Activists must be willing to lose their liberty in the struggle to win the right to live for our fellow creatures, but this does not mean that they should throw away their liberty, for it is impossible to be active whilst in jail. Even if one member of an active group does turn grass it does not help for others to follow suit and do the polices work for them, remember they are not there to help you, so DON'T help. Those treacherous quislings who do talk are not only a liability but should also be made legitimate targets.

THE B.B.

Duck Farm Damage

ON 22ND MARCH HUMBERSIDE ALF CAUSED THOUSANDS OF POUNDS WORTH OF DAMAGE DURING A RAID ON THE NOTORIOUS CHERRY VALLEY DUCK FARM IN CAISTOR, LINCOLNSHIRE

The largest duck farm in the world. As well as slaughtering millions of ducks, they also have a license for vivisection (who hasn't though??). So, after a successful raid on the Brocklesby Hunt Kennels, we decided to finish the night off by paying Cherry Valley a visit. After taking a look around their slaughterhouse (whoops - I mean processing plant) but finding the workers still there, we headed off down the long road, full of duck-confinements, towards the research establishment. We got out of the van and arranged to meet back at the same spot in twenty minutes. It was a dark country lane and as the van drove away all we were left with was the sound of the ducks which were to the right of us. The road seemed to go on for miles, but we finally reached the buildings. They were all lit up, so we had to be careful in checking that there was nobody around. On inspection of the buildings we still couldn't really see what they were - a lot of it was just bare rooms, white walls, and some of them contained buckets, but it was too far away to see what they held. On looking in all the other rooms we still weren't any closer to knowing what they were - but it was obvious that they were put to some kind of morbid use. We crossed the path and went over to the other building - it was here that they carried out their 'research'.

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Looking through the window we saw a large table, with knives laying about here and there, and many shelves full up with syringes, liquid solutions, plastic gloves, sterilising dishes and all the other customary laboratory 'attire'. At the far end of the room stood the electrical equipment and the whole room was encompassed by sink units. Then, by chance, we tried the door - and to our surprise we found it wasn't locked. Not believing our luck, we walked into the building. There was nobody about at all. We got hold of some plastic gloves and then we started smashing the place up. We knocked all the laboratory bottles to the floor and threw out all the sterilising dishes. We went over to the table which we found to be absolutely filthy - and the knives were even worse, dried blood and feathers stuck all the way up the blades. Next to the table were two large barrels, each full to the top with dead birds all bloody and mutilated. Next we went over to the electrical equipment, which looked really nasty. We turned the power off, smashed it up and pushed it onto the floor. After searching, we found files and documents, which we took away, along with about forty syringes and also all the knives, which we knew would be greatly missed the next morning. Then we turned on all the taps and left the building.

We started back down the lane towards the place where we were supposed to meet up with the others in the van, realizing that by now the twenty minutes had nearly gone. Then, to our horror, a small truck turned into the lane, heading towards the laboratory, and us. We changed course and ran over a field, just in time to miss them. When they had passed we headed back towards where the van would be waiting. As we got there we missed the van by about two seconds and we had to stand there and watch it get further away. We knew that it wouldn't be long before it was back but that wasn't much consolation, knowing that by then the small truck would be out searching for us after discovering the mess, and also they could have brought the police in by then. And it wasn't long before we heard an engine and saw the truck racing back towards us. On instinct we quickly ran over the road and scrambled down the grass verge into a ditch. Then we waited. We could hear the truck getting closer, and then it passed us. Finally it faded away. All we could hope for now was that our van returned before their's did, but there was another problem. We weren't in a position to see which of the vans was passing. A few minutes more - we heard an engine. It was obvious that the vehicle was moving very slowly, then we realized it was searching the ditch. Whether it was our van, their van or a police van, we weren't to know at the time, so we took no chances and laid low, not daring to look, just in case their headlights picked us up. It reached us slowly and the lights went straight over us, but to our relief it carried straight on. During those twenty-five minutes or so that we spent in the ditch, we were searched for at least three or four times. Finally we took a chance and looked at the next vehicle that passed, knowing that it had to be one or the other, and to our amazement (almost as much as when we found the laboratory unlocked and unattended) it was our van. We leapt out of the ditch and just managed to catch their attention. They stopped and we jumped in the van. As we shut the door we noticed the truck coming up behind us. It followed us, but for some reason it pulled off as we passed the slaughterhouse. So, to our relief, we carried on alone, although paranoid about any vehicle behind us.

Now, a couple of months later, no one has been charged with this raid. Cherry Valley has made statements to the papers giving their side of the story as usual, and they even made a blunder and admitted publicly that we have caused them a lot of 'inconvenience' (thanks for the encouragement chaps!!!). They said that they were worried that it would be a long time before they could get hold of another machine, but so as not to make us too happy they had to insert the usual 'only minimal damage caused'. SO WHY ARE THEY LOOKING FOR A NEW MACHINE?

HUMBERSIDE ALF

Taken from the Humberside ALF newsletter

An activist smashing eggs. Photo: ALF



GO SMASH AN EGG

A raid at Springhead Poultry Farm, Wolverhampton Rd., Sedgley in the West Midlands, on August 29th, resulted in damaged equipment and smashed eggs.

U of T Dentistry Raid

In the early morning hours of Sunday, February 16, 1986, a group of ALF activists entered the University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry building, in an attempt to liberate some of the imprisoned animals who were being tortured in pain experiments.

Surveillance of the building had taken many months and all of us had been inside at night on at least two or three occasions, so we had put together extremely detailed maps of the upper floors.

The target research laboratory was a major problem! First, we knew that the time between guard rounds was very short, secondly, the response time by police had been estimated at approximately two minutes, which meant we'd be trapped in the building if we accidentally triggered an alarm, and thirdly, the doors and the inside of the lab. were under 24-hour video coverage. Despite all these obstacles the lab. was felt to be such a hell-hole that those involved in the planning voted unanimously to go ahead with the raid!

So, that Sunday morning, as soon as it was felt safe, we made our way in ones and twos to the point of entry. Those who were on watch outside would remain in close contact via the CB radio.

Once inside, we made our way to Sessle's (the bastard in charge of the pain studies) office, intending to get documentation on the research. Unfortunately, our tools were not strong enough to break the lock and so, as time was running short, we decided to go to the fifth floor where an attempt would be made to enter the lab. via the window of an adjacent meeting room and then, from there, across the roof.

We discovered very quickly that the window glass was shatterproof, which naturally increased our determination to smash through it! Once that was done we discovered a second shatterproof pane behind the first one! Again determination enabled us to break the window - but it cost us an enormous amount of time (again lack of proper tools - damn!) and the noise was incredible! We were so concerned we chanced breaking radio silence to check with the activists outside to see if the sounds of crashing glass could be heard from the street!

Once through the window there was an 8-foot drop to the roof and a 10-yard sprint across to the lab. wall. Two of us stayed in the main building, manning the radio, handing out tools to those on the roof and watching and listening for both guards or movement from the three main elevators. The rest of the group made their way across to the laboratory.

A quick examination of the laboratory roof and walls made us realise that we would have to try going in through the wall. Several layers of material were ripped away with more brute force than finesse, but when our time-keeper noted that we had been inside the building for more than three hours it became apparent that we were not equipped to complete the break-in to the lab. in the time we had left.

THE FRUSTRATION AND RAGE ONE FELT AT BEING SO CLOSE TO THE ANIMALS AND UNABLE TO GET TO THEM WAS INDESCRIBABLE! THE THOUGHT OF GOING OUT WITHOUT THEM TORE US ALL APART!

With some difficulty, and by lowering chairs onto the roof, we managed to get the group back through the jagged hole in the window without injury. Then we all decided to return to Sessle's office where we daubed the area with ALF slogans. After this we wandered into some adjacent areas and smashed some equipment and defaced the walls with slogans. Economic sabotage is hardly as satisfying as liberating animals, but we were to feel much more satisfied several days later when we learned the damage amounted to at least $10,000!!

By now we had been inside the Dentistry building for over four hours and our time-keeper was getting really edgy, to say the least, and so we decided to get out while we could. We made our way to the exit point where we left, again in twos and threes, after checking with our outside contacts that all was clear.

It may have been four months since this action, but all the activists involved are spiritually still inside that building. How can we find peace when we still think of those we left behind!

ALF CANADA

Taken from the Canada ALF Support Group newsletter, PO Box 915, Station F, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2N9, Canada.



Dentistry break-in

Vandals who broke into the Faculty of Dentistry sometime during the weekend of Feb. 15 and 16 broke equipment, sprayed graffiti and smeared paint on floors, walls and elevator doors on the fourth and fifth floors of the faculty's old and new wings. Damage is estimated at $10,000. The office of Dr. Barry Sessle (above), associate dean of research, was a particular target of the vandals, who identified themselves in the graffiti as the ALF (Animal Liberation Front). They also sprayed graffiti around the entrance way to the animal facilities James Kenyon, director of the Division of Laboratory Animal Science, says dentistry has at most 50 animals for research. Because of incidents such as that at dentistry, Kenyon says security costs have escalated to $100,000 and it has become more difficult to get some animals.

FUR FARM RAIDED

AT 2AM ON THE 15TH JULY, SUSSEX ALF RAIDED "BUCK-FOLD RABBITS" FUR FARM, TOAT HILL, SLINFOLD, WEST SUSSEX - PROPERTY OF MR. DENYER. FIFTEEN RABBITS WERE RESCUED. ON THE 29TH JULY THE ACTIVISTS RETURNED TO THE FARM TO CARRY OUT AN ARSON ATTACK

We had paid the farm three previous visits in order to get to know our way around, decide on the best way of entering the building and establish a suitable place to park our van. On the night of the raid we parked our vehicle in a field opposite the entrance to the farm, taking care to leave it well away from the road, out of view of passing cars. Carrying our boxes and tools, we cut through a barbed wire fence and made our way to the rabbit battery.

We attempted to cut the padlock on the door of the battery with our boltcutters but unfortunately we were unable to do this due to the position of the padlock. However, we were able to force open the back door of the shed with a crowbar, the door being bolted from the inside.

Whilst two of us entered the rabbit prison the third activist went to keep watch on the farmers mobile home. Inside the battery we were appalled by what we saw, we had not really been prepared for the extremity of the conditions, or the large number of rabbits. The heat and stench was unbearable, dead rabbits were lying on the wire floors of their cages.

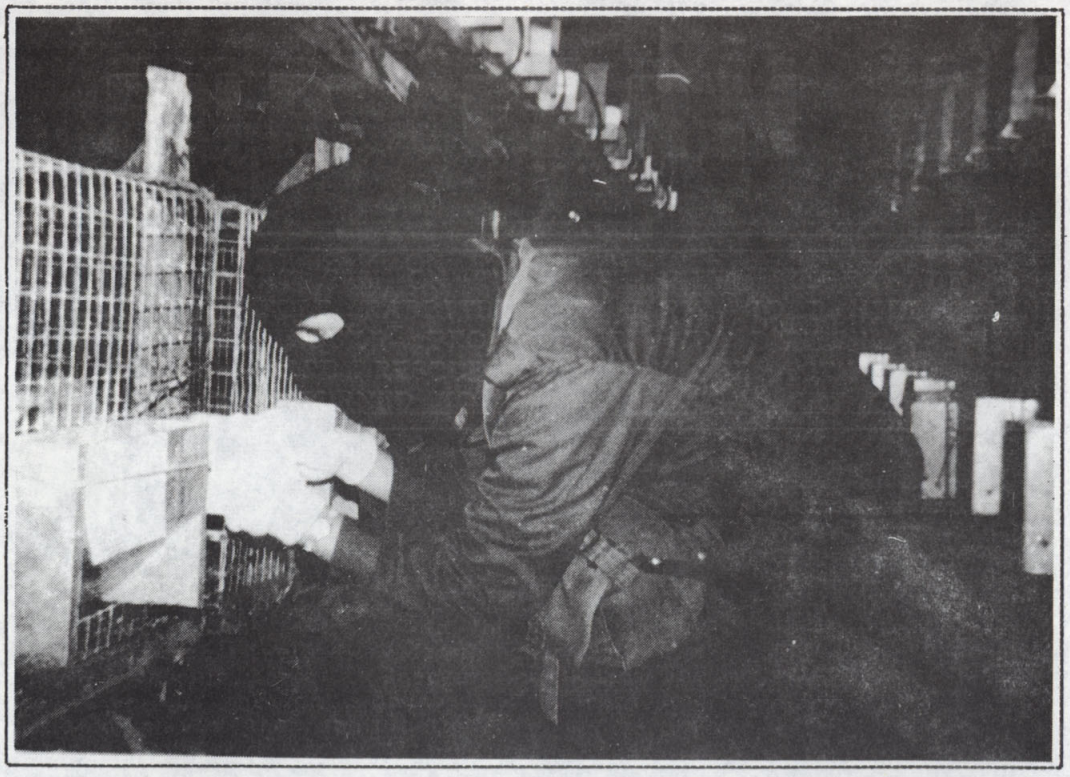
Quickly we began putting these poor creatures into boxes. We rescued five adult rabbits with no babies, and with no nesting boxes in their cages (though we couldn't be sure that they weren't pregnant) plus one mother and her nine babies. We put eight of the babies in a box separate from their mother (they were old enough to be without her for a while) because we feared that they may be smothered by her, but we took care to leave one baby with her in order that later we could identify her as their mother. Finally we took photographs of the appalling place.

Before doing anything else we loaded the animals into our van so that if anything did go wrong and we had to make a run for it, we'd at least get away with the rescued animals. We quickly returned to the farm to take documents from the farm office, smash the telephone and spray slogans on the battery.

Sadly we could only take fifteen rabbits as this was all we had homes for.

Following our successful raid we took the decision to carry out a further, and more serious, attack.

On 29th July, at approximately 12.45am, having hidden our vehicle well away from the road, we made our way back to the farm. A padlock on an empty barn (which was a very safe dist-



Left: An activist inside the rabbit battery.

Above right: Four of the many hutch record cards stolen during the raid. Farm owner Neil Denyer said the loss of the cards has "totally messed up our breeding programme."

Below right: Rabbits and rescuers.

Photos: Sussex ALF

ance from other parts of the farm) was cut and the building was checked for any animals that may have been living in it (mice etc.). Petrol was then thrown over the walls and stacks of wood and building materials that were scattered about the floor. The fire was lit. The petrol went up instantly almost taking two activists with it. Running for our vehicle we were sure that the fire must have been seen for miles around - the flames licking through the roof of the barn, lighting up the area like a beacon. Thankfully we withdrew safely from the area.

We've realised our mistake. We should have used paraffin. Petrol burns too quickly and when being poured gives off a vapour which can ignite. Next time we'll know better.

SUSSEX ALF

SUSSEX Animal Liberation Front members this week claimed responsibility for an arson attack on a troubled rabbit farm at Slinfold.

"Our activists were responsible for the attack at Denyer's farm last week in which petrol was used to partially destroy an empty barn," the group says in a letter to the County Times.

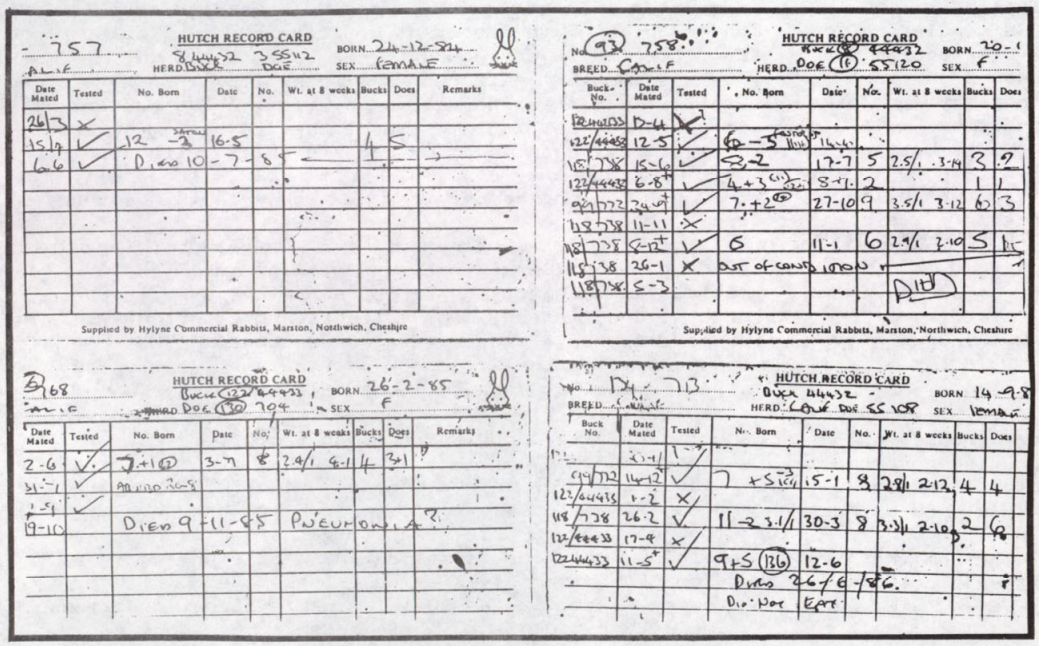
The blaze came a fortnight after an earlier attack on the farm, in which 15 rabbits were stolen and animal rights slogans daubed on barn walls.

In justifying both the arson attack and the theft of the animals, the ALF repeat a previous allegation that rabbits on the farm are kept in a "concentration camp" environment. They say they have photographs to back up their claim.

"We have a moral obligation to help these creatures. We get no financial reward and could go to prison for our actions," reads the ALF statement. "The people who received the rescued animals were only too pleased to take them in regardless of whether they were 'stolen'."

The statement repeats an earlier claim that dead rabbits were found by the ALF when they broke into the battery during their first raid. "We have photographic evidence to prove that the dead rabbits had been there for some considerable time. We are prepared to make copies of these photographs available to the County Times."

West Sussex County Times, Friday, August 8, 1986



HUTCH RECORD CARD

Supplied by Hylyne Commercial Rabbits, Marston, Northwich, Cheshire

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FISH FOTOS

In the last newsletter we promised photos in this newsletter of the raid on the Freshwater Biological Association labs., where 2,000 fish were rescued. Unfortunately these photos did not come out well enough for publication.

CIBA GEIGY



It is an increasing practice for multi nationals to seek false status by donating small sums of money to groups like Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth etc. so that they might impress their shareholders and the public with their concern for the planet - it is hard to imagine greater hypocrisy. Ciba-Geigy pharmaceuticals (Wimblehurst Road, Horsham, West Sussex, 0403 50101) engage in vast, useless animal experimentation - ie. the regular murder of defenceless sentient creatures - in their single-minded pursuit of profit. They sent us a donation of £69 to "help you to pursue your work within the community". Our work in the community involves exposing multi nationals like Ciba Geigy for the destructors of the natural world that they so patently are. We considered sending their blood money back. Then we thought of a better idea. A good one. We sent the money to the Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group so that it might be used effectively in the fight for freedom for all animals on the planet. Ciba Geigy have been informed.

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LETTERS

'Letters Page', BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX

Dear Friends,

I would like to reply briefly to two letters in SG 18. One suggests the forming of an 'Animal Liberation Kommando'. I am in favour of this as long as the actions stop short of 'executions' of animal abusers. We simply must not place ourselves in the same bracket as the IRA. We have not forgiven them for blowing up the horses have we?

Hit the animal torturers property. Hit them in the pocket. That really hurts. After all, those who abuse the animals, for whatever purpose, forfeit their right to a life of peace.

The other letter states that the animal torturers deserve all the get as 'natural justice' demands it. This is a very ancient concept known as 'Karmic Law'. "As you sow, so shall you reap." Our friend should be warned, however, that this law is all pervasive. In other words, if we blow up some persons house or lab., what will this 'natural law' bring down upon our own heads?

I know there are people in the movement who do not hesitate in advocating the dishing out of death to animal abusers. I understand the feeling. The following was printed in a previous SG newsletter. "What is going to be done? We anti-vivisectionists must wake up. There must be violence on our part - even unto death. There seems no other way - an overwhelming effort should be made and made now. I repeat - what is going to be done?" (Marie Dreyfus - 'Animal Champion', Dec 1954/Feb 1955). Whatever my personal views may be, the lady could be prophetic with her own cry from the heart over thirty years ago.

SG number supplied

Dear Friends,

A few comments on some of the views expressed in letters in SG newsletter no. 18.

I was rather concerned about the suggestion from the anonymous SG member that the SG initiates contact with "those revolutionary/paramilitary groups who, because of their opposition to the British government and to the major commercial and industrial concerns responsible for animal torture, can be viewed as our allies".

Firstly, because the SG (as distinct from the ALF itself) does not involve itself in illegal actions, it could not initiate such contact. That would be up to the ALF activists.

Secondly, in the case of most "revolutionary/paramilitary groups", such contact would be highly undesirable, particularly in the case of the IRA, to whom the anonymous member is obviously referring. We must never forget that our enemy's enemy is not necessarily our friend. It would be totally wrong for ALF activists to have anything to do with the IRA, let alone give them "intelligence, safe houses and transportation". How can an organization which kills innocent people, blows up horses (is your memory that short?), beats up homosexuals and "adulterous" women and wants to form yet another government (very revolutionary!) possibly be viewed as the ally of either human or animal liberation?

"Operational training and logistical support" are largely a matter of commonsense and application. Any group of hard-working and intelligent activists can come up with what is necessary. There is no need to turn to dubious paramilitaries to provide it.

And as for "attacking vivisectors and their families in their homes", there may be some justification for attacking the vivisectors (although this is against ALF policy), but it would be morally and tactically deplorable to attack their innocent children, who are not to blame for their parentage.

I cannot agree, however, with SG member 907, who does not think that "direct attacks on the homes and possessions of the persons involved in animal suffering will in any way help our voiceless friends". On the contrary, I feel that damage to the property of animal abusers can be very effective in stopping animal suffering. Most animal abusers do it for the money. And they want the money to buy "nice" possessions - a new car, a fancy house etc. If these possessions are constantly damaged then the vivisectors, factory farmers etc. may soon come to feel that the persecution of animals is not worthwhile.

Finally, I turn to Maxwell. His/her comments on the release of "voracious little predators" are somewhat simplistic. There are arguments both for and against the release of mink and I would suggest that people read up on these before making up their minds on the subject. Both sides of the argument have been presented in past issues of the SG newsletter and photocopies of the relevant articles are available from the ALF SG on request.

It seems that cats cannot live healthily on a vegan diet without an amino acid supplement, so at present it would not be right to expect them to be fed on such a diet. A vegan food for cats (complete with supplement) is currently available in the USA. Hopefully it won't be long before it's available in this country too.

I am in partial agreement with Maxwell over the glueing of butchers' locks and similar small-scale actions. Such actions can be effective over a period of time and, indeed, many butchers and other animal abuse shops have closed as a consequence. What concerns me is that it's obvious that many activists are carrying out such smaller-scale actions as a substitute for (instead of as well as) more effective and financially damaging raids on factory farms, vivisection labs. etc.

The reason for this is no doubt lack of application and mental laziness. It's far easier just to glue up a lock or throw a brick than to get stuck in and plan something a bit more complicated. But, unless those who consider themselves as activists come up with a lot more of the larger-scale, more complicated actions, animal liberation is going to be that much longer coming.

R.L.

Dear SG,

Enclosed is £100. Seems the only way of getting money out of the BUAV is to work here (no fun).

Name supplied

Dear Maxwell, ('Letters Page' SG 18)

It does not make much difference if animals are kept freely or in boxes, cages etc. Sure, animals walking free may have a slightly better life, but as soon as they reach the butcher they are bound to die. Dead is dead, that's quite simple.

As for vegan cats: many people manage, indeed, to feed their cats on vegan food. As for my four cats: they were not grown vegan, though they often prefer brown rice and soya sausages, bread, muesli cakes or black bread, rather than meat.

Your prey animals in the countryside may already suffer enough, but at least they suffer in freedom. As soon as animal liberation has been completed all over the world, nature will start to restore the balance between prey animals and predators. As long as our governments refuse to change the laws, and keep protecting hunters, fur shops and other animal abusers, actions have to be carried out against all of them, no matter if they are "good" or "bad" butchers. As long as they exist, **every** action is a **useful action.**

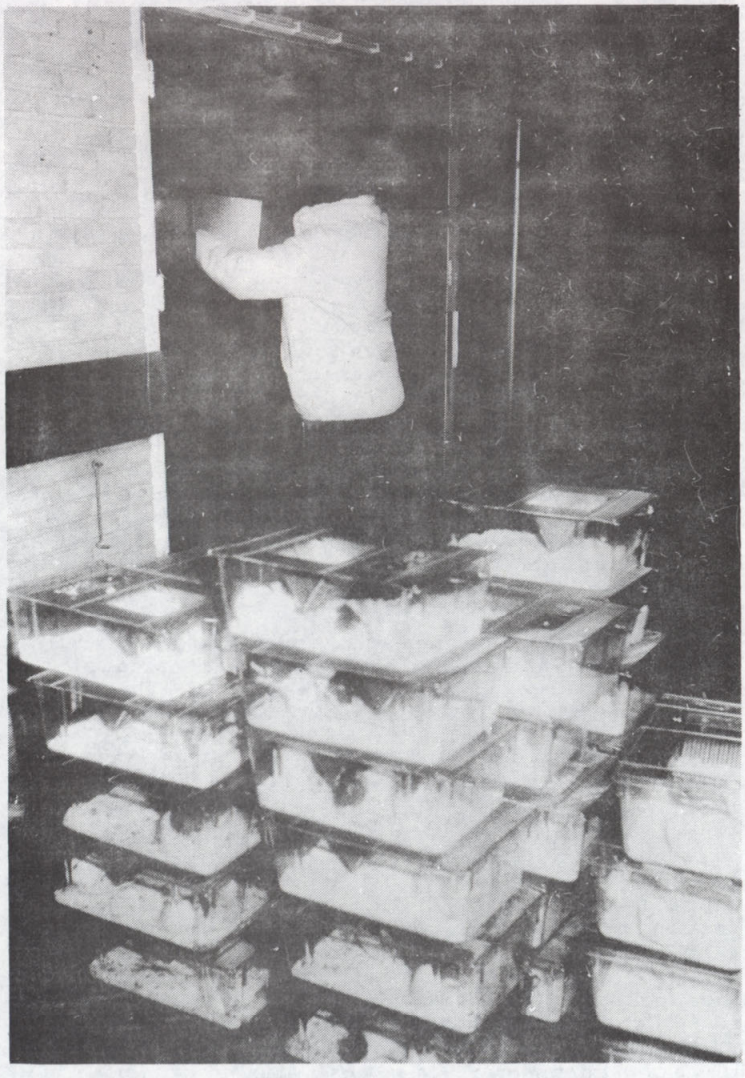
R.Fox

The Netherlands

It seems pretty clear to me that the Animal Rights Militia, assuming they are not factory farmers and hunters in disguise, are just a bunch of ego freaks. I could write their next 50 "communiques" now and they all end with "and next time we really will do it".

Just like the Retribution Squad, the Militia serves to satisfy some gobshites need to make outrageous statements to the press etc. As far as I can see, there is no need for Militia tactics because animal liberation can be achieved through ALF policy actions - including the policy not to harm humans or animals. If we stick to this then we can get support from the rest of the animal movement and the public, meaning that the ALF and the ALF SG can both grow to be mass movements. If the Militia continue, our enemies will say that they and the ALF are the same (they are already saying that, in fact) so support and potential growth will be lost. The animal rights movement must include direct action as its main focus because direct action is the most effective campaigning, but the activities of the Militia will ensure that direct action stays small and in danger of being smashed by the state and the 'moderate' animal rights movement, who are using them as an excuse not to support the ALF. The Animal Rights Militia is tactically rubbish. How can the idiots justify planting bombs that could kill or injure innocent people or animals? I for one believe the ALF SG should not publish Militia propoganda or speak to the press about them etc. etc. The ALF will win the war for animals, the Militia is stopping our progress.

Dennis Thatcher



Dear ALF,

I was very angry to hear about your recent raid by our 'Great British Police Force'. How many times do I hear individual policemen/women stating in retaliation that they do not have the number, nor the time, to deal with certain aspects of today's society. Instead, they seem to prefer spending their time raiding places in which the occupants are supporting a practise of which, in theory, that same organization is supposed to be reinforcing (non-violence).

"Government enquiries are frequently used to lead the public into thinking that something positive is being done about situations where the system has been seen to step out of line. These token gestures allow the authorities to commit atrocious crimes against the people while suffering no real fear of reprisal. The tactic has been employed in cases of military and police violations in Belfast, Brixton etc., environmental violations such as deadly radiation leaks from power stations like Windscale in Cumbria, compulsory purchase orders, official theft, on land for motorways, airports and more nuclear plants, all of which are more likely to be a part of Government plans for the event of nuclear war than to be for the convenience of the public; other 'mistakes' such as corruption by Government officials, the maltreatment of inmates in prisons and mental homes, violence by teachers in schools, the exposed torture in animal experimentation laboratories (what a coincidence!) - whenever, in fact, the authorities need a cover up for their activities.

Those in Government are perfectly aware that they and the authorities to whom they have been given power, daily commit crimes against the public and yet, unless they are exposed by that same public who rightly might fear for their own well-being, nothing is done.

In cases where the public do become aware of inexcusable behaviour by the authorities, the Government sets up its own enquiry to 'investigate' the issue. Something 'appears' to be happening and the gullible, silent, violent majority are satisfied that 'justice has been done'. The crude fact, however, is that the Government will have done nothing at all except to have produced and printed a few white papers that hardly anyone will read and no one will take any notice of. Meanwhile, the official crimes continue unhindered..."

love **VAMPIRA**

SG number supplied

100 Rats and mice rescued

On the night of 23rd April Netherlands ALF removed about a hundred rats and mice from a farm where they were destined for rheumatism and cancer research. The farm is part of the Central Animal Laboratory of the Catholic University of Nijmegen (CDL).

Every year the University uses 25-30,000 mice, 12-15,000 rats and guinea-pigs and the same number of rabbits, dogs and cats.

Left: Rescuing rats and mice that were destined for vivisection
Photo: Courtesy of Fred Hess

'RABBIT LIB' RAID !

ANIMAL protesters used a dinghy to carry out a daring commando-style raid on a rabbit breeding farm.

Under cover of darkness, the secret group paddled along the Manchester Ship Canal to attack Hyline Rabbits Limited in Lymm on Saturday.

After smashing through a rear door, the animal liberation supporters daubed rooms with slogans. They also stole 10 2 rabbits.

This week a spokesman for the firm refused to comment on the attack.

Police hunting the gang revealed how the protesters used the dinghy to make a secret approach on the firm. After mooring the boat they stalked through a field leading to the back of the property.

Once inside the raiders took the rabbits, valued at £100, and painted animal liberation messages on walls.

Widnes News

ON FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER MEMBERS OF A NEWLY FORMED ALF GROUP CARRIED OUT THEIR FIRST ACTION AT HYLYNE RABBITS NEAR WARRINGTON

The raid followed months of planning. First we had to find homes and talk to experienced activists to gain good advice. Two holding units were prepared to take large numbers of rabbits if we could provide a few hundred pounds for materials for building suitable living quarters for the rabbits. While the fund-raising went ahead a person we were in contact with gave us a copy of a publication to study, containing interviews with established ALF groups. We had looked at a number of targets and decided on Hylyne. We made an early decision to go for 100 rabbits because we had the number of people willing to go on a raid who could carry that many away.

When eventually we raised the money for the building materials we carried on the fund-raising to buy tools and equipment. With the two holding units ready to accept the rabbits, 60 to one and 40 to the other, a date for the raid was decided on by the person elected to be the group's co-ordinator. Bookings were made to hire a video camera and portable lights, 2 ordinary 35mm cameras and flashguns. Arrangements were made to borrow two inflatable dinghies from the group that carried out the big raid against a lab. on the side of Lake Windermere and liberated 2,000 trout and salmon.

On the night everyone met up as arranged and were guided to a house where two ordinary video players were linked up by a lead we had bought especially that would allow us to make a copy of the video the following day. A briefing was held and everything to be used on the raid, tools, cameras, batteries for flashguns, batteries in the pencil torches etc. etc. were wiped with a cloth dipped in warm soapy water. The cameras were loaded with 400 ASA black and white film and 100 ASA colour slides. Everyone made sure they had nothing in their pockets that might fall out and identify them (library ticket, door keys, or even a comb with fingerprints on the top part etc.), any matching jewellery was removed and, finally, two ten pence pieces were handed out to everyone for any emergencies arising (we thought after the raid that everyone should also have had a few pounds emergency money in case a vehicle broke down). Part of the briefing dealt with an emergency meeting place for everyone if anything went wrong.

The co-ordinator had, along with another person, earlier in the evening deposited the tools near the place where we would be dropped off from the vehicles. At 10.00pm we left for the 'drop off' and reached it 30 minutes later. The vehicles were pushed down a farm track and into a field, into a position which shielded them from site from the road by trees. It was now impossible for anyone passing on foot or by car to see the vehicles or for the lights from passing cars to strike the reflectors at the rear of vehicles. We returned to the vehicles and, without slamming any doors and having already removed the small lights inside vehicles that turn on when one opens the door, we settled down to wait until 2.00am, when dog walkers, courting couples etc. would not be about and the local houses were in darkness.

We then walked for approximately one mile across fields until we reached the Manchester Ship canal. We had seen two ships pass as we walked across the fields and we were, needless to say, a little surprised to see them using it at night. We had seen the lights from the bouys on a previous trip but, not having seen any ships, we did not realise they used it at night as well. Foot pumps were used to inflate the boats and the activists were ferried across, a little more apprehensive for having seen the ships (we couldn't make out what the first one was it was such a surprise).

When we reached the field second to Hylyne we had to move from tree to tree in twos and threes, as the whole site is overlooked by the Thelwell Viaduct, with the motorway lights illuminating the surrounding area. We settled down in a ditch on the edge of the field next to the units. We kept the units under observation until 3.00am. Two people, using bushes along the side of the field as cover, moved forward and entered the complex from the rear through a barbed wire fence. The first units we looked in were empty, we forced the doors open slightly at the bottom by pulling them with one hand and using the other to shine a pencil torch inside (covered in green plastic from a carrier bag). We moved further in the complex and found a unit full of hundreds of different types of rabbits. We checked around outside the units and made sure no one was about. One person then went back and brought the whole group forward.

Everyone had, by now, covered their faces with scarves and had been wearing gloves since picking up the rucksacks of equipment. The fence was cut and one person took the tools forward, while the remainder of the group stayed at the fence, with two of them taking up their look-out positions. We had been told that Hylyne had been raided before and, as it was possibly the largest rabbit exploiting business in the UK, we were very wary about alarms. Instead of crowbarring the doors we drilled a series of overlapping holes and drilled out a large enough section to allow the activists free access. Two people used a well oiled brace and 1" auger wood drill. Drilling the holes made a little noise but the look-outs, who were only 20-30 yards away, couldn't hear anything, so people in the house 50 yards away would not have heard anything even if we'd made 3 or 4 times that amount of noise.

The rabbits gave us quite a shock - we did not realise how much noise they would make when we entered. We checked again with the look-outs - again no reaction from the Manager's house. The co-ordinator then selected the cages which would be emptied. The lids were unclipped and folded back on cages containing over a dozen rabbits with the largest litters of well developed young rabbits, counting the numbers as each cage was opened. Large rabbits on their own were left as they were probably pregnant. Mothers with babies in nest boxes and very young rabbits were not disturbed for obvious reasons.

Because of the windows we had decided to film only the last few rabbits being liberated because the video lights were so powerful. For the same reason we left the flashes on the cameras switched off. Everyone was reminded to keep count of how many rabbits they had taken and began placing them in sacks complete with drawstrings for carrying. With the flashguns charged and everyone ready for a quick getaway (most of the people had by now left the unit and assembled at the fence where we had cut it), the video camera was switched on and allowed to run for 15-20 seconds while being checked that the settings were correct. The video lights were switched on and the last of the rabbits placed in the sacks and slogans sprayed on the wall. Photographs were also taken and then we left quickly, closing the door and propping a piece of wood against it (as advised) to prevent the cold night air causing those left behind any discomfort.

We reached the boats and while one ferried the rabbits across the other ferried the activists back. When the last batch of rabbits were arriving we filmed them being unloaded. When we were 200-300 yards from the vehicles, a lad and girl went forward, arm in arm, to check all was well with the vehicles - if stopped they would have claimed to be hitch-hikers, as they were coming from the direction of an exit on the M6 they would be covered by a good story. All was well and the rabbits were transferred to large cardboard boxes in two vehicles.

It was now after 6.00am and getting light, with plenty of traffic about. The two vehicles left and within three minutes were both heading in different directions along the motorway to the holding units. The activists, now very tired and yet elated, dumped all their plimsoles, gloves and scarves in a black bag (if stopped and asked about them it would have been explained that it was all for a jumble sale). This went into a car along with other pieces of equipment. A third vehicle left with the films and video tape. Finally, the boats were packed and everyone was away - if stopped they were returning from a couple of days boating in the Lake District.

The video was copied and the original, along with a statement about the raid, was dispatched with one person to go to London, as there are no regional news programmes on Granada and BBC TV North West on a Saturday. The tape was to be taken to the ITN studios in London and the BBC.

Photo: ALF

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Another person rang the local radio stations and attempted to ring the Press Association (PA) in London. The person at the PA who took the call would not accept it without a phone number and a name of a person to get back to. The person making the telephone call did not know the name or telephone number of the new ALF Press Officer. We had not expected the PA to ask for this. The person making the call was not unduly worried as the person going to London had also been instructed to telephone the Press Association to offer them a roll of black and white film and that person had a copy of the statement. Disaster. We did not know that there had been a major train crash on the London line the evening before. With delays and having to change trains they finally arrived in London at about 6.00pm. By the time they reached the ITN studios they had well passed the deadline for another story to be screened on the news. Apparantly an ordinary VHS video cannot be shown on the TV as simply as TV video. VHS has to be processed through special machines before it can be shown on TV. While we had gone to so much trouble to learn how to use a video camera and taking good quality photos using flash, because we had not been able to practice releasing a newsworthy event to the media we had fallen down. But for the train crash the day before we would probably have muddled through, though we learnt a lot from the experience.

Overall, 102 rabbits are now free from the concentration camp type conditions they were being reared in. They will not end up in laboratories, the meat trade or on someone's back. We are extremely grateful to the people who transported the rabbits, to the people who run the two holding units, to the two people supplying the food and expert help and to the people whose home was used as a base. Without their invaluable help we could not have liberated so many rabbits.

ALF



Some of the rescued rabbits enjoy their new home
Photo: ALF

ALLDERS of Croydon will no longer be selling furs

The Animal Liberation Front has staged a series of attacks against Allders in its campaign for the store to close its fur department.

In February an incendiary device was placed in the furniture department of the store timed to ignite in the middle of the night. Shortly after this, 27 windows and six doors at the store were damaged when etching fluid was poured over them.

Then in May incendiary devices were placed under the store's lorries at their warehouse in Hackbridge. Four lorries were completely destroyed and two severely damaged.

In a letter to Mirror Extra, the store's director Mr Peter Saunders, says: "Some time has now elapsed since the various attacks on this company's property by Animal Rights groups and we have used the interim period to appraise the future of our fur department," he says.

But a spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front said "The decision was made for the commercial reason that our direct action had cost Allders thousands of pounds. There is no way that Allders would have stopped selling furs if it had not been for the direct action."

He added that the store would no longer be subject to attack as it had ceased selling furs.

Mirror Extra

STORE WARS

Earlier this year The Guardian newspaper reported that "After an attack on Rackhams in Sheffield in December other stores in the North have felt it prudent to close their fur departments". Since then department stores in the South have also been withdrawing their fur departments as a direct result of the ALF actions against their premises.

Allders of Croydon, in Surrey, has taken the decision to no longer sell furs, following a campaign against the store by ALF activists. In February an incendiary device was planted in Allders, timed to ignite in the middle of the night. The sprinkler system caused extensive damage to the store. Shortly after this action, 27 windows and 6 doors were attacked with etching fluid and then, on the 5th May, incendiary devices were placed under lorries belonging to Allders. Four of the lorries were completely destroyed and two severely damaged. The final attack came shortly afterwards when an Allders delivery van was covered in acid, destroying the interior and exterior of the vehicle. Two days later the fur department closed.

Dingles store of Exeter, in Devon - having been subject to attack, including etching fluid poured over windows - has now closed it's fur department. The manager has said that this decision has been made due to the 'animal lib.' actions against the store. And John Lewis of Oxford Street, in London, is yet another major department store which has now withdrawn it's fur department because, they admit, they just can't cope with the hassle. Debenhams of Guildford, Surrey, have capitulated and now only sell fake furs. Also in Guildford, a shop called Skincraft has now (after numerous ALF attacks) totally ceased selling furs and they have also changed their name.

Actions against stores with fur departments have been stepping up, with reports of attacks coming from all over the country. Nottingham ALF have caused their local Debenhams over £33,000 damage during a series of attacks on the windows with etching fluid and, on one occasion, a hammer. During the hammer attack plain clothes police had been keeping watch. They gave chase and one activist was caught and was remanded in Lincoln Prison for 3 months.

More recently, on October 10th, an incendiary device was placed in the Lewises store in Liverpool. Unfortunately the device failed to ignite. However, on the same day the activists also poured etching fluid over 16 of the stores windows and all the windows have since been replaced, at considerable cost. There will be a full report of this action in the next newsletter.

Also in Liverpool, the notorious Baray Furs, Liverpool's 'premiere' fur shop, has been forced to close after 3 years of attacks from ALF activists and pickets. The shop has been attacked a large number of times - sprayed, locks glued, windows smashed etc. £6,000 damage was caused to fur coats by an incendiary device and a local lad, Brian Swales, was pulled in because he was the closest person they could find to the description of someone who had entered the shop the day before. The poor lad had nothing to do with the ALF but was often to be seen giving out leaflets from an information stall in the city. In court the staff could not be 100% certain, and he walked free. After three more actions recently (two in daylight and one in the evening, squirting etching fluid through the shutters) animal rights campaigners turned up for a picket, to see CLOSING DOWN SALE notices. The Manager came out and screamed that those responsible for the actions should be hanged. The Manager was informed by one of the pickets that the feeling was mutual.

LADY PENELOPE

PIGS... ...IN THERE?

In the night of July 8th, members of the Netherlands ALF rescued thirty pigs from a pig breeding premises at Scherpenzeel. The animals were rescued from what are called 'Pigibox' containers, filled with cages. The piglets are taken from their mothers at 2-3 weeks old to be put in the containers. The normal suckling time for piglets is about three months.

Right: A member of Netherlands ALF removes one of the pigs from a cage.
Photo: Courtesy of Fred Hess

NOTTINGHAM

ATTACK ON ANDREW CLARKSON'S BUTCHERS SHOP, 197 MANSFIELD RD., NOTTINGHAM, ON FEBRUARY 1ST

After spending some time 'sussing out the shop and the means of entering and damaging the inside, ALF activists entered the shop from the rear, unscrewing the hinges on the back door and forcing it open. The activists said as soon as they were inside the smell of death hit them like a hammer. It was disgusting and nauseating. They quickly sorted out what needed doing and set about it. The cold storage room was entered and all the meat ripped open, sprayed with fly spray and daubed with red paint. Fridges and freezers were destroyed and turps poured over the contents. A £2,000 set of scales was blown up from the mains switch. Eggs were smashed and stock scattered all over the floor - paper work was destroyed. Finally, slogans were daubed over the shop. Clarkson unfortunately didn't close down permanently but the shop was shut for 2-3 weeks afterwards causing him financial loss. He then had a steel shutter put on the shop front window, but lately he rarely seems to be open. Anyone seeing Clarkson's shop open can phone him on 473996.

NOTTINGHAM ALF

Taken from the Nottingham ALF SG newsletter, Box G, Mushroom Bookshop, 10 Heathcote St, Notts.



NORTH EAST SURREY CO

The North East Surrey College of Technology first hit the local headlines when Surrey ALF carried out a paint attack on the animal house in 1985. The reason the attack was carried out was to highlight the fact that NESCOT were carrying out tobacco and nicotine experiments on rats. Many hundreds of rats, mice and gerbils were visible through the windows of the laboratory whilst the paint attack was taking place and we decided then and there that a further raid, to liberate the animals, should take place and as soon as possible.

We started carrying out surveillance on the laboratory towards the end of the year. At this stage this normally consisted of a couple of us, a woman and a man, ambling along the footpath beside the lab. with our dog. During that early surveillance we began to formulate a plan for the raid - where the vans would be parked, how many people were needed, where the look-outs would be placed etc. Also, the method of entry into the laboratory needed to be decided, so one of us would climb over a high gate into the grounds and closely examine the doors and windows of the building. NESCOT were quite security conscious, having a security guard on site who would often drive round, checking that nothing was amiss. Also, the doors of the main laboratory were alarmed, and a high intensity light was kept on all night. We realised that the normal method of entry, either breaking a window or crowbarring the door, would set off the alarms. So we decided that the new-style ALF method of entry, cutting a hole in the door without actually opening it, would be the best and safest way of gaining access to the animals.

On one of the surveillance trips the lights had been left on in the laboratory and we were able to take a rough count as to how many animals were in the lab. We estimated there were between three and four hundred rodents, consisting of mice, rats, gerbils and hamsters. Also, there were a number of rabbit cages in the room, although we couldn't see whether any were inside. From this we were able to work out how many carrying boxes we needed, estimating that an average of 15-20 rodents could go in each box. At no time did we seriously consider leaving any animals in the lab. as this has caused us much heartache on previous raids. The eyes of the abandoned dogs, cats, chickens etc. as we left the buildings stuck in each of our minds and we vowed that, whenever possible, we would take everything in there, regardless of whether we had immediate homes or not. Although this does cause problems we have always managed to home everything in the end.

At this stage we now had a pretty good idea of how the raid would take place so the next stage was to allocate specific jobs for particular people. We decided on having two large cars for the boxes of animals, with the drivers parked a short distance away, in radio contact with the raiding party. When the animals were ready they would be called up on the radio and stop briefly by the side of the lab., the boxes would be put in as quick as possible and then they'd both drive off. A short gap of one minute between each car stopping for loading was decided

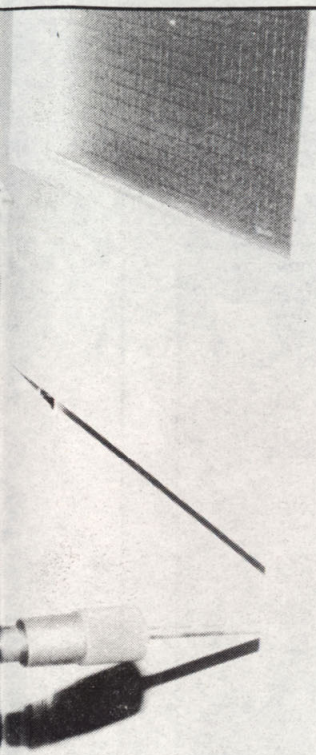


so that it wouldn't look too out of place in case any car or person did come along. Two look-outs, also with CBs, were placed at both exits to the laboratory - both look-outs were dressed in jogging gear, also so as to look as inconspicuous as possible. Finally, one look-out actually at the lab., also with CB, kept in radio contact with all the others to check that everything was running smoothly. Five people would actually carry out the raid in the laboratory itself, two pairs for the rats, gerbils and hamsters and one person for the mice.

One more problem in the planning needed to be sorted out before the raid could take place. The lab. lies alongside a busy railway line with the station only a few yards further along the path. We had to find out the times of all the trains, and what time the last one left the station, before we could decide on what time the raid could take place. After that was sorted out, the temporary homes set up, the moon and the weather taken into consideration, the cars hired, the boxes and the tools obtained and the best day in the week chosen, the raid was ready to go ahead.

We all met up a few hours before the raid took place, so that we could all go through, one final time, what each of us had to do. Every activist on the raid had visited the labs. beforehand

OLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY.



Drilling holes in the door with a brace and bit to make a hole for the activists to get into the lab.

Photo: Surrey ALF

and the drivers had checked and timed their particular routes, so the actual raid had been timed down to the last minute.

All the carrying boxes were assembled and placed in the vehicles, the CBs were all checked with each other and the drivers then left. All the tools were checked once more and everything was wiped down. We planned to do a lot of damage inside the lab. once the animals were away, so paint cans and gallons of red paint were also taken. At the allotted time the rest of us left and drove to the lab.

When we had all arrived at the lab., the drivers with the boxes pulled up at one minute intervals and we quickly unloaded the boxes. They then drove off to take up their positions a short distance away. We collected up the boxes and joined up under a dark disused railway bridge. The two look-outs then left to take up their positions and then two more left with some boxes and boltcroppers to cut the padlock on the gate. When that was accomplished the rest of us collected everything up and went through the gate and into the grounds of the laboratory, carefully closing the gate behind us. The lab. look-out took up position, carefully watching the direction the security guard would come from, and the two with the brace and bit set about tackling the door. What this entailed was drilling a large number of holes near to each other, in the shape of a square. The square had to be large enough to allow people to pass through. When all the holes were drilled a saw was used to saw between each hole. This took nearly twenty minutes to accomplish and during this operation a message from one of the outside look-outs came to our look-out to warn us that a man was walking down the path behind the lab. Although he wouldn't have seen us, he would definitely have heard us, so the drilling and sawing stopped and we all held our breath until he had passed. The drilling started again when he had gone and soon we were able to take a large piece of the door out.

The light from inside and a terrible stench of rodents streamed out through the hole which we all quickly climbed through, taking the boxes in with us. Just as we set about putting the animals into the boxes, the look-out just outside the door ran up and whispered through the door that the security guard had arrived at the end of the building in his car and was doing his checks. We all crouched down and, with beating hearts, waited to see if he approached. The look-out had armed himself with a large stick to warn anyone away and, from a dark corner, he watched the guard. The guard glanced at the building for a moment and, seeing nothing amiss (the hole in the door was at the back of the lab.), got into his car and drove off to bed.

We continued to put all the animals into the boxes and, when all the boxes were full, stacked up the remaining lab. cages still with animals in by the door. We also collected many water bottles and lab. food (as lab. rodents sometimes take a time to switch to normal food) and then called up the cars and look-outs on the radio.

After putting all the boxes outside the door the look-outs arrived and we all set off with the boxes, out of the lab. grounds and down to the first car which was just arriving. One look-out went ahead to check the path was clear. We removed our balaclavas and quickly piled half the boxes into the first car. An activist then jumped in beside the driver and both drove off. This was repeated one minute later when the final car arrived, the remaining animals, all the tools and one activist piling in the car and setting off. Three more activists then left in their own car to go back home. This left three of us who returned to our own car, collected the paint and a hammer to cause damage and returned to the now strangely empty laboratory.

One member again remained outside as look-out whilst the two of us set about damaging the lab. First we collected up as many documents as possible, details of experiments and experimenters and, interestingly, a lot of literature from the BUAV, LACS and other animal rights organisations. As we started damaging equipment and spraying slogans, one activist opened up a large freezer in the corner. Inside were trays and trays of dead and frozen mice, rats and gerbils, well over a hundred animals that we were too late to have saved. At least we had saved well

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over 300 animals from a similar fate. After we had carried out what turned out to be "many thousands of pounds worth of damage" according to one newspaper, we collected up the documents and left the lab. for the final time.

We had liberated well over 300 animals, which included 11 hamsters, 40 gerbils, 70 rats and over 200 mice. Many of these were already pregnant, so the final figure saved was a lot higher. Thanks to the ALF supporters we were able to house all the animals in good and large cages, with wheels, tunnels, huts and other accessories for their comfort and enjoyment. We had great pleasure in destroying all the tiny lab. cages that the animals had been crammed in at the laboratory.

The documents revealed that many of the experiments being carried out at NESCOT were 'maternal deprivation' experiments where the young were taken away from the mothers soon after birth and the suffering in the young rodents monitored via their brain responses. The rodents were then killed and their bodies frozen before autopsy. Some of the animals rescued were in a terrible state, the hamsters being particularly bad, and a number of them needed urgent veterinary attention.

All the rescued animals are now permanently homed with good and caring people, and Surrey ALF are now in the middle of planning their next raid.

SURREY ALF



An activist removes containers of mice in the NESCOT lab.

Photo: Surrey ALF



Music for Animals

"Abuse" is an 8-track mini LP record and all the proceeds from the sale of the record will be donated to the ALF Supporters Group. The shop price of the record is £4.49 but it is offered to Animal Rights groups for the dealer price of £2.70 (+50p for post and packing) if a minimum of 10 copies are ordered. **'Artists for Animals', c/o Slip Records, PO Box 18, South PDO, Manchester, M14 5NB.**

Plans Rejected

In the last newsletter we included a report of the ALF raid on Freers Mink Farm, in Caterham in Surrey, which forced the owner to give up and close down. The new owner of the land applied to the local council for planning permission to set up a battery chicken farm. The council turned down the application on the grounds that they were already having too much ALF activity in the area and they didn't want to encourage any more. They said that starting up a battery farm was just asking for trouble - and the land owner agreed that they were absolutely right. Instead, he is now setting up a dog boarding kennels and he commented that he hoped the animal activists would not find any reason to take action against him.

PARKER

THE ARMCHAIR ACTIVIST

A SUPPORTER REPORTS ON A CAMPAIGN OF INTIMIDATION, HARASSMENT AND PRESSURE WHICH HAS BEEN STEPPING UP RECENTLY AGAINST THE OPPOSITION, WITH VERY SUCCESSFUL RESULTS.

There are a number of people in the Animal Rights Movement who, for many reasons, cannot get involved in ALF-style direct action. A great many of these people have told of their frustration at not being able to "get at" the animal abusers in ways that the ALF have so successfully done, such as paint attacks on the property of vivisectors, hunters etc.

However, reports are showing that an increasing amount of these people have been embarking on campaigns of their own, where the life of an animal abuser can turn from one of cold, cosy complaceny to that of continual harassment and the realisation that what the individual does to animals is abhorrent to most. And the campaigns have required very little effort and very little risk of getting caught.

A good example of the above has been the continuing campaign against the chief vivisector at BIBRA laboratories in Carshalton in Surrey - SHARAT D. GANGOLLI of 157, Old Lodge Lane, Purley, Surrey. Tel. 01 660 7849. This vivisector has had his car and house attacked a number of times by the ALF and these actions have been complemented by a sustained campaign of harassment by the use of phone calls, the overwhelming sending of 'Freepost' (books, catalogues, clothing etc.), visits and phone calls by salespersons, builders, decorators, taxis, funeral cars etc., ordering of skips which have been placed outside his house and a myriad of other unwelcome and irritating itinerary. This side to the campaign has made absolutely sure that the pressure on Gangolli has never let up and has made him one very unhappy torturer of animals. His wife Lillian was quoted recently in the papers as saying "Sharat cannot take any more, he is considering retiring early".

There have been a number of imaginative ways in which people have been applying a lot of pressure on animal abusers, whether they have been attacked by the ALF or not.

The simplest form of pressure has been phone calls. Animal abusers have been receiving phone calls both at home and at work, at all hours - particularly in the middle of the night - from people who've rung to tell them what they think of their activities. Some animal abusers have been forced to go ex-directory as a result.

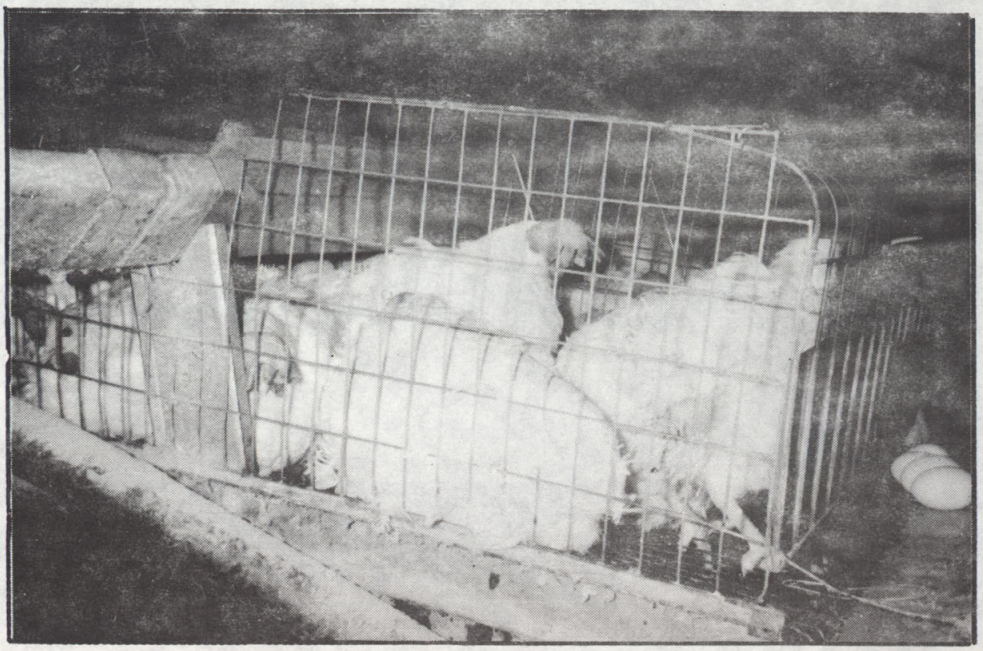
People have been filling out 'Freepost' coupons which have come through their doors or which they've found in Sunday Supplement magazines. Books have been sent by Book Clubs where books are dispatched without fee and must be returned by the receiver within ten days. Double-glazing, central heating, clothing catalogues, insurance etc. have all been used in similar ways. People have also been getting their abusers to join some clubs, such as Dateline, record clubs and others, which have caused them endless problems. The abusers phone numbers have also been put on the coupons, resulting in phone calls from persistent salespeople seeking appointments with them.

People have been phoning builders, decorators, estate agents and others, pretending to be the abuser. They've made arrangements for them to come round for estimates or to sell the house, sometimes all turning up on the same evening at fifteen minute intervals. Some people have ordered skips to be delivered at the animal abusers houses, funeral directors have been sent round to arrange the burial of a loved one, deliveries of cement, coal and scaffolding have all been arriving outside the houses and taxi cabs have been sent round at all hours. Sometimes the real names of the vivisectors have not been used, resulting in taxi drivers arriving on door steps at one o'clock in the morning saying "Dr. Mengele, you ordered a taxi".

People have been using these and many other ideas to cause utter misery to those who cause utter misery to the animals they torture.

ALAN TRACEY

FARM FREEDOM FIGHTERS



On Wednesday, June 4, the Farm Freedom Fighters liberated twenty-five laying hens from a Mid-Atlantic battery egg operation. According to Farm Sanctuary, the spokesgroup for the liberators, this is the first direct farm animal liberation ever conducted in the United States.

The video recording of the raid, containing footage of the liberators, the battery egg operation and the hens, shows the liberators spray painting slogans such as "Animal Auschwitz" and "Battery cages are torture chambers" on the walls of the hen warehouse. A note was left for the egg producers urging them to stop using battery cages.

According to a statement made by the Farm Freedom Fighters, "This action is the first of many farm animal liberations. Our war against farm animal oppression will continue until all farm animals are free from the brutality of factory farms".



Above: The chicken battery
Below: After the raid
Photos: Farm Freedom Fighters

FARM SANCTUARY
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Rockland, DE19732,
USA.

"..all hang together.."

There is nothing worse than a traitor and unfortunately at the moment there are an awful lot of traitors within the animal liberation movement. The traitors are those who are prepared to sell out their beliefs for what they see as a little bit of political power or media glory and even worse, those who follow the orders issued by the national organisations and condemn the actions of the ALF, Animal Liberation Leagues, ARM or HRS without even questioning why they have been told to do so.

The national groups have pressure put on them by the media and MPs to condemn the activists, and this they gladly do, for a few self interested reasons, 1) They get publicity for their organisation in the media, 2) They think that they are getting a bit of political power and 3) They are only too ready to slag off those who they have no control over.

The media and MPs have pressure put on them by the animal exploiters, who have them in their back pocket, to condemn the activists. So, in the long run, the national groups are in the power of the enemy, the animal exploiters, even though they may not realise it, which is quite ironic when most of the people in the movement think that they are against the exploiters, and yet spout the same rubbish that they do and condemn those who are fighting back against the scum. We, as activists, are the free element in the movement because we choose our own way of fighting back, we are the uncontrollable because we will not be told what to do and there's nothing more the enemy hates than people they are unable to give orders to. By 'the enemy' I also refer to the traitors in the movement - they may claim to be on our side but they are just as much the enemy as the animal abusers and there's no two ways about it.

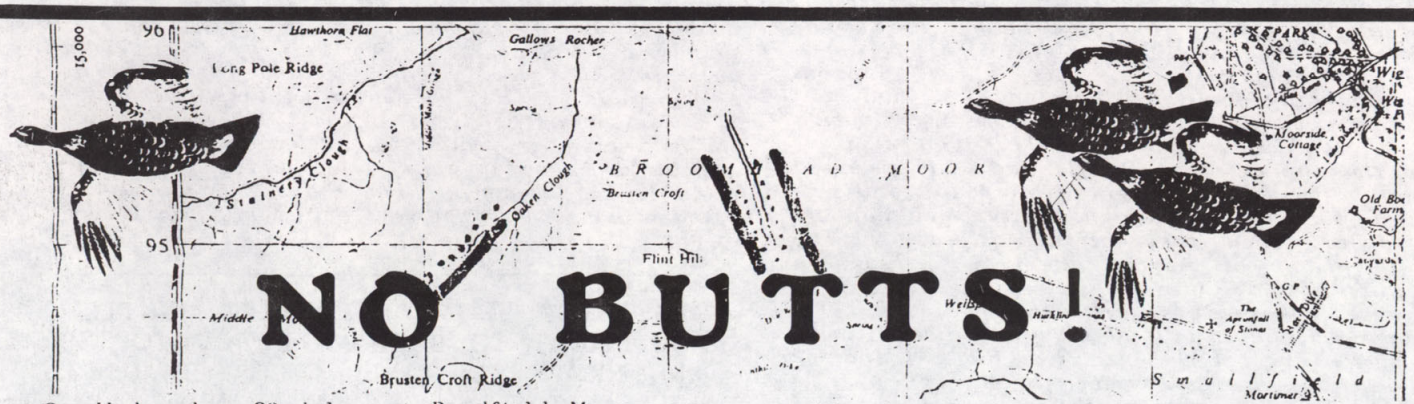
The question of the use or not of violence is continually being brought up in the movement, and just who keeps bringing it up? - the enemy, eg. the media, MPs, traitors and so on. This point is being used to break what solidarity there is in the movement, by splitting us into smaller and smaller groups which are, in the long run, easier to control or destroy. So, instead of arguing amongst ourselves over a hypothetical point, it's about time we, as individuals and a movement, got together and got on with the job in hand - that is, to achieve animal liberation and a world free from the exploitation and oppression by humans of humans and non-humans.

The only side which uses violence is the enemy, by torturing and murdering non-humans and beating up humans who take action to stop them (eg. hunt heavies, circus heavies and the police who beat up activists whilst they are in the cells) and NOT US. Yet, as soon as anyone in the movement says that they may fight back the way the enemy does by using violence, the enemy throws up its hands in horror and screams "terrorist", yet another hypocritical statement from the real terrorists, and the public, like fools, believe them because they are too apathetic to think for themselves.

We, as individuals and a movement, waste our energies arguing over a philosophical point instead of fighting back against the enemy. We now have to put aside our differences for the moment and join together because, all the time that is wasted arguing, non-humans and humans are being tortured, exploited, abused and oppressed by the real terrorists. Yet, if we were united, we could finish off the scum by closing their death camps by whatever means we choose to.

The individual is strong and can achieve much but our strength lies in co-operation and mutual support, so let's stop being forced apart by the enemy and fight for a world without the exploitation and oppression of all living beings. Once we have achieved that, then we can discuss our philosophical differences, though by then I don't think that it will be necessary. In the words of Benjamin Franklin, "We must all hang together or all hang separately".

DR. DOOLITTLE

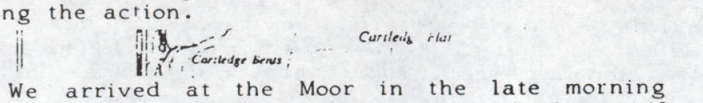


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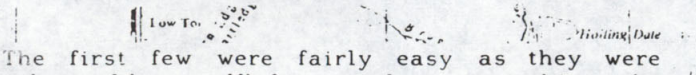
On Wednesday 23 July, at Bradfield Moor near Sheffield, in Yorkshire, twenty-nine grouse shooting butts were either damaged or totally destroyed and a shooting cabin was extensively damaged.



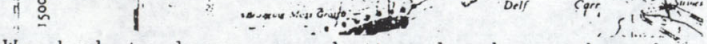
We had chosen that date to do the action for three reasons - 1) It was midweek, 2) The Royal wedding, 3) It was a few weeks before the start of the shoot so, all in all, there was a small chance of being disturbed by the public whilst doing the action.



We arrived at the Moor in the late morning and went for a walk on the moor to check out if anyone else was around. After about an hour or so of walking (and getting lost for a while) we found our first set of nine butts (map ref. 210 948) and set about taking them apart.

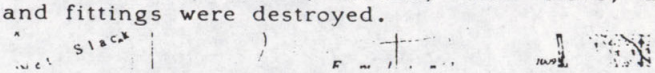


The first few were fairly easy as they were not that old. Whilst people were taking the butts apart, one person kept a watch with binoculars. We found that the easiest way to take the butt apart was to first remove the top turfs and then take the frame supporting it to bits and collapsing the butt inwards.

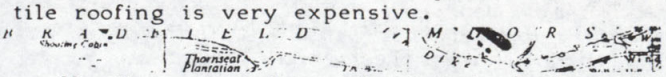


We had to leave one butt only damaged and not destroyed so as not to disturb some bees nesting in it. After finishing that line of butts we made our way across to the next line (map ref. 224 953) and started on the shooting cabin there.

All the windows that were not boarded up were smashed and after removing the iron bars on one window we managed to get inside. Once inside anything that could be damaged was. Cups were smashed, tables, chairs, wood stove, doors and fittings were destroyed.



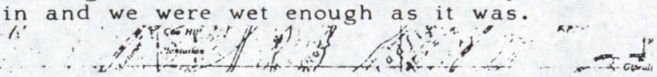
Outside the shooting cabin, the tiled roof was being taken apart and smashed, so quite a bit of damage was done there. We think that it will cost about £250 or more to repair in all, as slate tile roofing is very expensive.



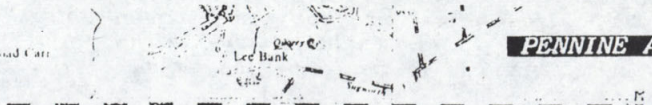
We then started on the twenty butts and completely destroyed them. We even managed to destroy the drainage pipes that were laid (to stop the butt from getting too wet) and all the metal and wood frames were wrecked on the butts.



By this time, about 4pm, everyone was too exhausted and wet to carry on, so we left it at that, rather than carry on at another set of butts and risk being seen. We left the moors at the right time as there was a heavy storm coming in and we were wet enough as it was.



We managed to destroy all the butts in the middle of the moor, so the grouse that we saw there that day should have been alright on August 12th, and the shooting scum would have had less of a massacre then.



PENNINE ALF



THE ALF

In newsletter 17 we began the story of the ALF. Our copy of the story was taken by the police in March and the good news is that we've now managed to find a replacement copy. Unfortunately there are no replacement copies of the photographs and press cuttings to illustrate the story - so we'll just carry on without them. In Part One a small group of people formed 'The Band of Mercy', carrying out successful raids at the premises of animal suffering. On 23rd August 1974 two Band members, Cliff Goodman and Ronnie Lee, were arrested in the area of OLAC at Bicester in Oxfordshire.

Shortly after Ronnie Lee's imprisonment he was taken to Winchester prison as it was felt by the prison authorities that he would receive the attention necessary for someone on hunger strike. On March 28th 1975, the day before the move, demonstrations began outside Oxford prison where he and Cliff Goodman were being held. Support and fund-raising for the "Bicester Two" had now started and become organised. The organisation "S.C.E." (Stop Cruel Experiments) played a great part in the support that Ronnie and Cliff received and badly needed. Events to create and increase support commenced and letters of support continued to reach the national press. The Daily Telegraph of April 2nd 1975 included a letter which stated:-

> *"In these lawless days such acts should not be condoned, but many would sympathise with this action against the utterly diabolical and very largely unnecessary form of cruelty involved in animal experimentation. These young men, while defying the law, showed great courage and the sentences of three years imprisonment seems unrealistic and harsh. Had they beaten up a policeman they would doubtless have received suspended sentences..."*

Even the "Anti Vivisection Times" of the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection (BUAV) stated in its April 1975 edition:-

> *"The history of tyranny alone indicates that its downfall is almost inevitably the result of direct action. The history of the anti-vivisection movement is in itself an instance of a century-long fight against a tyranny imposed on our fellow creatures. It is a long and miserable history of millions of pounds having been expended on dozens of abortive campaigns to change laws which, it seems, have somehow and paradoxically to be respected because they are laws..."*

The hunger strike and refusal to wear or eat anything connected with animals as a vegan, by Ronnie Lee, continued to receive press coverage. Support for Ronnie came from his own Member of Parliament, Ivor Clemitson, and he joined demonstrators outside the prison where Ronnie was held. At this time the prison authorities were not allowing visits from Ronnie's parents, his MP or social worker. The authorities were no doubt confused and perturbed about the whole case - the actual 'offences', the hunger strike and Ronnie's refusal to wear or eat anything of animal origin. The hunger strike ended as Ronnie became aware that his own situation was receiving more attention than Porton Down itself. There was also indication that some experimentation related to war was to be stopped although at a later time this was found to be incorrect.

To gain an overall picture it is important to hear Ronnie Lee's own personal account of the 1973-1976 period. When speaking with him the aspect which becomes the most obvious is his belief that imprisonment was almost inevitable and was a reasonable price to pay for the animal suffering that had been prevented in the Band of Mercy days. He frequently equates the sentence of imprisonment with a) animal suffering and b) the suffering prevented which led to the imprisonment and makes it very clear he feels there is no possible comparison. For the most accurate view of that period it is best to detail his own record:-

"THE STEP FROM DESTROYING HUNTING EQUIPMENT TO BURNING LABORATORIES AND PROPERTY OWNED OR TO BE USED BY ANIMAL ABUSERS WAS INDEED A LARGE ONE. HOWEVER, IT WAS THE MOST LOGICAL ONE ALSO".

"The step from destroying hunting equipment to burning laboratories and property owned or to be used by animal abusers was indeed a large one. However, it was the most logical one also. Cliff Goodman and myself read about the Hoechst buildings and mentioned it to each other almost at the same time and we agreed the burning of the buildings would be the best way to prevent animal suffering. Soon afterwards I visited the site and realised I could burn it down there and then - I began a fire but this was reported as causing only £4,000 damage which I later found to be a totally incorrect figure. Cliff and I then went to the site and started a fire there and the total damage was £46,000. The next action against the seal culling had to be carefully timed - not too early so boats destroyed or damaged could be replaced, but not too late as the HSA were out in their own boats trying to disrupt the cull.

"Shortly after this, documents came into our possession which gave us extensive information about laboratory suppliers etc. Cliff and myself decided the best 'cover' to use in visiting these places, to look around them and still be able to stay in the area without suspicion, was to go on camping holidays. At night we could leave our tent and look around the places and agree on the best plan to effect the maximum damage. When the damage had been done we simply packed our camping gear and drove off to the next target - it all went very well.

STORY

PART 2 "The first prisoners"

"At OLAC (Southern), at Bicester, we went through the usual routine and on the night of 23rd August 1974 we went into the area. Cliff saw a security guard but it seemed that he hadn't noticed us and so we went ahead and into the area where portacabins were situated. Within only a few minutes there were police everywhere and we hid under a portacabin, seeing the feet of the police and the police torches being used. It was not long before they spotted us and we were arrested. The reason for the speed at which the police arrived and the number of them that came was due to a RAF base nearby and the whole area was very sensitive. The RAF base police turned up to search the grounds when the security man gave the alarm, in addition to the civilian police from Bicester.

"Unfortunately the police found the car we were using and there was considerable evidence inside the car which incriminated us and was used in our trial. To start fires we were using newspaper tied round sticks and the police were able to show in court it was the same newspapers being used for arson that were in our car. It was the same situation as the wooden sticks (which were taken from fencing at the bottom of my garden).

"The police finding our car was the main problem - we had parked it in a very sheltered area and presumed that, if caught, the car would not be found and we would collect it after release on bail, which would occur soon after arrest due to lack of evidence. Unfortunately the police used tracker dogs and the dogs took the police back over the fields over which we had walked, straight back to the car. There was, incidentally, little support for direct action at this time and the Band of Mercy only numbered some six people. Cliff and myself were on the HSA committee but we were expelled as we were suspected of being involved in Band of Mercy activity. The HSA even offered a reward for information leading to identification of Band of Mercy members although this was really the idea of just one HSA member and was not done with the full approval of the HSA committee. I didn't feel this was a malicious action as I suspect it was done to give the appearance that the HSA didn't approve of the Band of Mercy and was totally separate from it, but there is little doubt it was counter-productive and did more harm than good.

"On arrest the police immediately searched us and their first words were "Are there going to be any fires or explosions? Do we have to evacuate the people living in this neighbourhood?" and we both replied "No". The police reaction to us was not particularly unpleasant and they made it clear that they did not consider us to be real 'criminals' and, when we realised the weight of evidence against us, we admitted what we had done and made statements to that effect. Because it was our first offence we were both released on bail, although the bail sureties were very high - my one was £4,000. There were also very strict bail conditions, for example I had to go to the local police station every day and I was not allowed to go out of doors between 9pm and 7am.

"My first thoughts were to the publicity that would be obtained for the Animal Rights campaign as I considered the exposure of the true extent and nature of animal abuse to be of utmost importance. The first solicitor I saw said I would be imprisoned for some eight years due to my refusal to apologise for my actions. I made it clear throughout that I would not be vindictive or obstreperous, but I would not be apologetic nor appear to be sorry for what I had done. I then went to another solicitor who advised me that the sentence would be about three years imprisonment and in fact he was correct. I accepted this would be my fate and bore in mind the tremendous damage done and the number of animals saved through that damage and extra security measures implemented due to Band of Mercy activities.

"I deliberately did not have a barrister for the Court hearing as I was worried that, despite instructions not to apologise, he or she would do so - I therefore pleaded guilty and did my own mitigation. Despite Cliff clearly instructing his QC not to apologise on his behalf, the QC actually did so. Despite this and the fact that Cliff had been charged with less than I had been, his sentence was the same as mine which proved my suspicions were correct, that the Courts are hardened to the pathetic attempts of barristers continually pleading their clients are 'sorry' for the offence committed. As far as the sentence was concerned, it was obvious that if we had made just one isolated attack not connected with the Animal Rights cause, we would have been given a suspended sentence or even less. However, the Judge feared, as he said himself, the "break-down of law and order as we know it" and although we could have been given longer sentences, the fact remains, it could have been less than three years. The proof of what I say is that at the same time as our trial there was a case of a Public Schoolboy, about 17 I believe, who did far more damage to his school which he set fire to because he "didn't like it" than we ever did, but was given probation. Another case about this time involved two factory women who took a liking to a local Fire Brigade Inspector and started small fires in their factory so the Inspector would have to go there. In due course one of their fires, so I believe, burnt the factory down and they were given suspended sentences. Again, the damage they did far exceeded the amount Cliff and myself had done.

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"At the trial itself there was a tremendous number of supporters in the Courtroom and in time the whole situation became emotional. When the sentence was passed they began jeering and shouting at the Judge and there was even one person who tried to set off a smoke-bomb but was stopped by the police. The police obviously then tried to get us out of the Court as quickly as possible to prevent a riot. Unfortunately they kept pushing us very hard and Cliff took exception to this and, without me seeing the incident, he kicked one of the Officers in his shin. When we got into the holding room the Prison Officers were very angry and shouting abuse and becoming violent - naturally I just thought this was their reaction to Band of Mercy members and I obviously wondered what the next three years would be like! Shortly afterwards a Prison Officer came into the room to attack Cliff, who defended himself, and yet more threats were issued; during this time I was not aware of what had started this all off and believed this was the attitude to people taking direct action against animal abuse. I obviously discovered the facts not long afterwards. Cliff and the Prison Officers decided to forget the whole incident the next day. This may have been initiated by the press coverage and the Prison Officers reading about what we had done and being sympathetic. The attitude of the guards was very reasonable and from various events that occurred, I would imagine they were in agreement with what we had done.

"Cliff and myself were initially taken to Oxford Prison but kept separate. Not long afterwards I was taken to Winchester Prison as it had better facilities for a prisoner on hunger strike, as I was. After finishing the hunger strike I was given a vegan diet and began the usual work in a prison - sewing mail-bags etc. The prisoners overall were either vaguely or very sympathetic to what the Band of Mercy had done. The prisoners and the prison guards knew all about our case as the local radio had given details of it and the prisoners had radio sets. The demonstrations outside the prison also helped a great deal. During this time Cliff was still in Oxford Prison.

"After a few months I was sent to The Verne, an old fortress originally built to repel invasion by the French, and used as a semi-open prison. I waited with other prisoners for the coach to take us down there and I was obviously delighted to see Cliff on the coach and realise he was going down there also. Unfortunately I had to go back to Wormwood Scrubs for a while for a case involving my activities in the Peace movement which was a shock to the system. I was acquitted and returned to The Verne and stayed there until March 1976 when I was released.

"I served a year as I was granted parole but on release I was still on probation and therefore restricted in what I could and could not do. On release I found that members of the Animal Rights movement were asking about direct action - there were about thirty people that had seen direct action as the spearhead of the campaign and had been motivated by the Band of Mercy - its activities, philosophy and success. The first action was the damage done at Charles Rivers at Margate in Kent - part of this damage was using water to cause damage to packing cases used by Charles River for the animals being sent to labs. This was obviously very imaginative and indicated that people were searching for ways to destroy property and equipment used for animal abuse. This was now 'The Animal Liberation Front' as we saw the situation as a guerilla campaign and those participating in this were really very much in the front line of the campaign.

"We had discussed the increase in direct action - at no time did we ever expect or even believe in an increase in direct action, but we had always hoped for it - and we began to see that hope being fulfilled and materialising in a very positive way.

"It was at this time that animal liberation began to take place - the Band of Mercy had rescued some guinea-pigs from a lab. breeder on one occasion but had really concentrated on damage. Strangely enough, on the way back the group were stopped by the police as it was very late at night and they wanted to know the reason for driving about at that time - fortunately they believed the story about being on holiday and driving to a friend who was supplying accomodation. They didn't notice the people sitting at the back of the car with guinea-pigs crawling about under their clothing. Shortly after the raid the breeder - an establishment near Salisbury - closed down for fear of repeat attacks."

ANDREW L. FISHER

Part Three of the ALF Story continues in the next newsletter

YOUNG SG

The Supporters Group has been receiving letters from young supporters wanting to know if there is a separate group that they and other young people can join. So, in January 1987, we will be launching the "Young SG". Membership of the Young SG will be open to anyone under 16 years of age and will cost £2 a year. This will cover the cost of a quarterly "Young SG" newsletter and a badge. Meanwhile, if you are under 16 and are interested in joining the Young SG in January here are a couple of things which you might like to do now.

a) Design a "logo" (like an emblem) for the Young SG. The best and most suitable logo that we receive will be printed on Young SG T-shirts, mugs and badges. The sender of the winning design will receive a mug, T-shirt and badge with his or her design and will also win a years membership to the Young SG. The two 'runners-up' will also each receive a T-shirt and a years membership.

b) Write a story. Imagine that you take a trip in a time travelling machine. It takes you into the future, to a time when animal liberation has already been achieved. Models of Professor Meldrum and Bernard Matthews are in the Chamber of Horrors, the milkman only delivers soya milk and Porton Down has been converted into a leisure centre. Write a story about your adventure, as funny or as serious as you like, as long or as short as you like. The best stories will be published in the Young SG newsletter and the writer of the best story will receive a T-shirt, a mug and a badge and a years subscription to the Young SG. The two 'runners-up' will also receive a years membership and a T-shirt each.

Send your logos and stories to "Young SG", BCM Box 1160, London, WC1N 3XX. If you would like your work returned to you please send a stamped addressed envelope. Please make sure we've received your entries by December 20th.

Uncle Alfie

Sales Goods

The ALF SG Sales Goods department experienced considerable difficulties when the T-shirts etc. were first being produced, through being let down by one printer after another. They are now in a position to print the goods themsleves. Apologies to those who experienced delays in receiving sales goods and thanks for bearing with us during the initial hiccups. Please remember to send all orders and correspondence regarding SG merchandise to ALF (SG) Sales Goods, PO Box 8, Tividale, Warley, West Midlands, B69 1QJ and not to the BCM Box address.

"It has happened so often that the window repair man knows exactly what size of window to bring."

Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph

SUPPORTERS of the Animal Liberaton Front struck at butchers' shops and a builder's premises in Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe, overnight leaving walls splattered with grafitti and a smashed window.

For the fifth time Lazenby's butcher's shop front window was smashed and other shops in the area were damaged between 8.30 pm last night and 8 am today.

The damage to the butcher's window is estimated at £300.

Mr. Fred Lazenby said: "It has happened so often that the window repair man knows exactly what size of window to bring."

"It makes me feel very sick because it is happening too frequently. We do not know if it is the Animal Liberation Front, but when we see slogans like 'meat is murder', we feel it is them again," he continued.

"It is very frustrating and makes you feel like shutting up shop for good.

THE WAR GETS 'OTTER



On May 9th ALF activists raided the Nature Centre at Edgbaston, Birmingham, and rescued three oriental otters which were being kept in poor conditions. The activists also damaged a new butterfly house which was in the process of being built.
Photo: ALF

AUSTRALIA ALF

A new ALF cell in Melbourne, Australia, has joined in the campaign against department stores with fur departments. The group carried out its first action during the Anzac Day weekend. The Myers store and David Jones store had several of their windows damaged with etching fluid and their locks filled with superglue. The estimated damage is $250,000-$500,000.

PRISONERS & DEFENCE FUNDS

The 22 people listed below were sentenced on 27/6/86 after being convicted of conspiring to burgle Unilever laboratories in Aug. '84. Giles Eldridge, Lesley Phipps, Nancy Phipps and Boris Barker have all been released. Paul (Mol) Watkins (2½ years) L64779 and Peter Anderson (2 years) L64805, HMYCC Lowdham Grange, Lowdham, Notts NG14 7DA. Nigel Crouch (2 years) N42187, HMYCC, Onley, Willoughby, Rugby, Warwicks, CV23 8AP. Carl Egan (2 years) E74945 and Gari Allen (18 months) E74947, HM Prison, Welford Rd., Leicester LE2 7AJ. Jim Snook (2 years) HM Prison, Greetwell Rd., Lincoln LN2 4BD. Duncan Thorpe (2 years) N41997 and David (Duggs) Carre (2 years) HM Prison, Ashwell, Oakham, Leics LE15 7LF. Sally Levitt D27314 (2 years) and Debbie Smith (2 years) D28007, HM Prison, Bullwood Hall, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4TE. Sally Miller D22865 (12 months), HM Prison, Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 4HR. Nick Sweet (2 years) N42186, Keith Griffin (2 years) E74946 and Alan Cooper (2 years) E74960, HM Prison, 54 Gaol Rd., Stafford, ST16 3AW. Karl Garside (18 months) L65137 and Eric Marshall (18 months) L64806, HMYCC, Hewell Grange, Redditch, Worcs, B97 6QQ. Beverley Cowley (2 years) D27316, HM Prison, Cookham Wood, Rochester, Kent ME17 3DF. Alistair Fairweather (18 months) L64804, Morton Hall, Swinderby, Lincoln, LN6 9PS. Delia Lowick (2 years) D28008 and Virginia Scholey (18 months) D27317, HM Prison, Drake Hall, Eccleshall, Stafford ST21 6LQ. Mike McKrell (18 months) E74949, HM Prison Ranby, Retford, Notts BN22 8EU. Julian Webster (12 months) E74950, HM Prison, Stocken Hall, Stocken Hall Road, Stretton, Nr Oakham, Leics.

Mike Nunn J92297, HM Prison, Cornhill, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 5LU, is serving a 3 year sentence (from 4/12/85) for the Wickham action. Gordon Briant has now been released.

John Curtin F1788, HM Prison Dartmoor, Princetown, Yelverton, Devon, PL20 6RR and Terry Helsby P85326, HM Prison, Romsey Rd., Winchester, Hants, SO22 5DF are both serving 2 year sentences for digging up Beaufort's grave.

Shaun Ellis has been released.

Iain McCann J92353, B(2) Wing HMP The Verne, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1EQ is serving a 4 year sentence for an arson attack on vehicles at Cottage Patch kennels.

Ronnie Lee VO2682, Kevin Baldwin TO2959, Gary Cartwright TO2960 and Ian Oxley TO2961 at HM Prison, Armley, Leeds, West Yorks, LS12 2TJ are on remand charged with conspiring to cause damage in Sheffield and London between January 1980 and March 1986. Kevin, Gary and Ian are also charged with conspiring to steal the Ecclesfield Beagles. Roger Yates and Julie Rodgers have now been bailed.

Steven Rowe is serving a 9 month sentence at Winchester prison for breaking in and causing criminal damage at Havant College, a naval base, and rescuing 30 mice from Portsmouth Poly.

Michael Huskisson (P69140) is serving 18 months at HM Prison Griston, Nr. Stretford, Weyland, Norfolk, for the raid on the Royal College of Surgeons.

Two people from Leamington Spa fined £160 each for causing a large amount of damage to a fur shop.

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3 people have been fined £100 each after being found guilty of attempting to rescue chicks from a hatchery in Stratford-on-Avon. Donations to Neil Davenport, PO Box 8, Tividale, Warley, W. Midlands, B69 1QU.

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2 people arrested for incidents at a horse show, one for criminal damage in excess of £1,000.

A person was fined £150 and ordered to work for 24 hours at a detention centre for damage to butchers shops in the Leicester area.

A person was ordered to do 240 hours community service after pleading guilty to smashing windows at Debenhams (where furs are sold) worth £18,163.

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10 people have been committed for trial at Sheffield Crown Court for conspiracy to cause criminal damage in Sheffield and London. Three people have also been charged with conspiracy to steal the Ecclesfield Beagles.

One person charged with burglary with intent, possession of equipment for use in a burglary, criminal damage and conspiracy to steal with persons unknown, following a raid on Moorwood rabbit farm in Sheffield. Donations to Leeds Bust Fund at 59 Cookridge St., Leeds, LS2 3AW. Cheques/POs preferably left blank.

Please send donations to ALF Supporters Group, BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX, unless where otherwise stated. Donations can also be sent to SARP (Support Animal Rights Prisoners), BCM 5911, London, WC1N 3XX.

Damage at Depot

NORFOLK ALF VISITED A PORK FARMS DEPOT IN NORWICH ON JULY 6TH

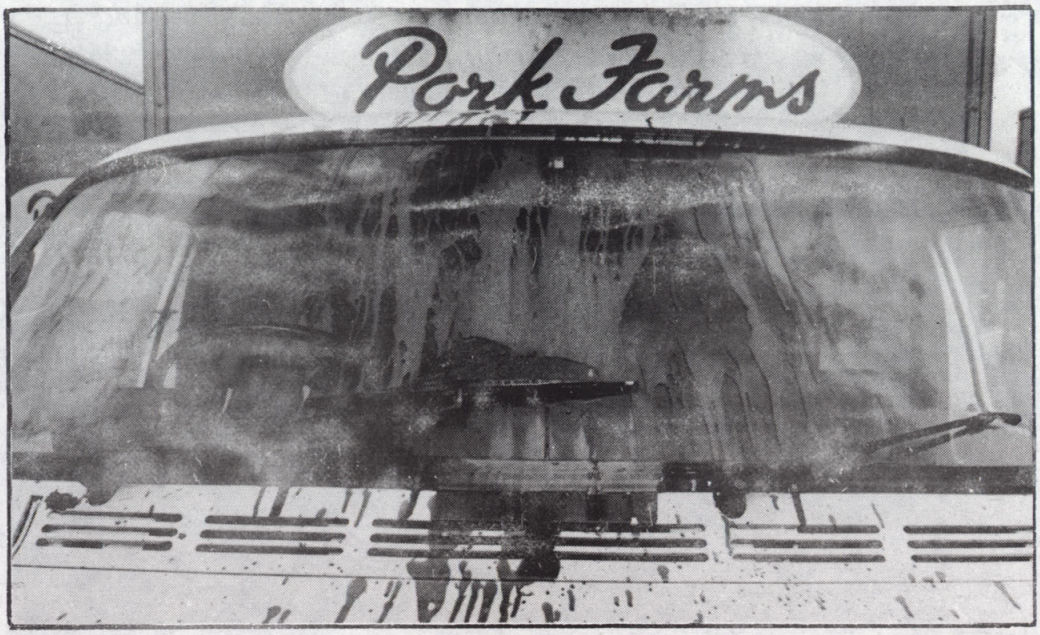


Photo: Eastern Evening News

We drove past the compound and dropped off two look-outs who went into the compound to check that there was no one asleep in the cabs and that there were no British Rail staff around the vans (the compound is next to Norwich railway staion). The look-outs took up their positions and the rest of the activists were called in on the CBs. The main group was split into groups of two, the first group started at the top of the row of vans and the second group started at the bottom. These two groups were split into a further five groups, one group cut brake cables, one poured sugar into the fuel tanks, another poured paintstripper on the sides of the vans and another glued up the locks. Once this had been done the vans were paintbombed and the transport was called in and we left after causing an estimated £8,000 damage. Warning notes were left behind the windscreen wipers saying that the brake cables had been cut, so as to avoid risking human life/injury. In a press report the following day Norwich Police Supt. Frank Allen called our actions senseless and said we had the perfect right to demonstrate peacefully in the city. We say bollocks to this, the death of millions of animals each year is much more senseless, and as for a right to demonstrate it is a (nother) right that is soon to be taken away from us with the oncoming public order bill. Besides, demos give them an opportunity to take our pictures, and what do demos ever achieve? Actions speak louder than words. The police are supposed to be setting up a special squad against us, well all I can say is they're not very efficient.

Love and Liberation,
NORFOLK ALF

Shell Shock

Shell Research Laboratories in Sittingbourne, in Kent, has been forced to abandon a planned £7 million animal research project because they can't afford it. This is due to the fact that they've recently spent about £4 million on security, to keep animal activists out, including video cameras fitted every few feet around the perimeter fencing.

Video Review

"HIDDEN CRIMES" by SUPPRESS

This video, although made by the new US group SUPPRESS, is nevertheless very relevant to audiences here. It is based on Hans Ruesch's "Slaughter of the Innocent" and "Naked Empress" and is just as powerful as the books. Vivisection is torn apart, not just because it is barbaric to the animals, but because it kills people too, by its misleading and dangerous results.

This is also the first film that adequately outlines the animal rights movement's opponents in big business, in parliament and in the media (which explains the hysterical media coverage of our movement and the often repeated lies that medical "breakthroughs" are just around the corner, as long as the funds keep coming in). In the film, eminent and respected scientists challenge the vivisectors to show the alleged benefits of vivisection whilst graphically showing the damage to both animals and people by this crude practice.

One major interest to SG members will be the footage in the film of ALF activists rescuing over 260 animals from the University of California laboratories and the short clips from the Pennsylvania Primates video which was 'acquired' by activists and represents a massive blow against "scientific" experiments on animals.

Please try to see this important video; and if you haven't yet read the books on which it is based, then there is no better time than straight away: Books available from CIVIS, PO Box 338 London E8.

The ALFSG is setting up a library service to make available "Hidden Crimes" and the "Pennsylvania Primates" videos, amongst others. If you can arrange a public meeting, animal rights meeting, or just a few people at your home, we will send the videos required - with a SG speaker too, where possible.

There will be no charge for the video, although a small donation of a pound or two is requested to cover costs: Please contact:- **ALFSG (Merseyside), RARC, PO Box 16, Liverpool L24, Merseyside.**

DIARY Dec '85 - May '86

This is not a complete Diary, due to police seizing some lists and reports of actions



£100,000 damage was caused on Jan 6th in an arson attack on the offices of 'Poultry Aids', in Kimpton, Herts, a firm making equipment for battery farms Photo: Herts Advertiser

DECEMBER

EARLY DEC: CORK, EIRE - Hundreds of hares which were being kept for coursing were released from enclosures. A shop and garage owned by the hare coursers were damaged.

DEC 2ND: TOULOUSE, FRANCE - Damage done to two meat vans, a meat lorry, a car belonging to a meat company and two large lorries at a horse slaughterhouse.

DEC 4TH: NORFOLK - Vehicles belonging to Dunston Harriers Hunt were paintbombed and had their tyres slashed. EDINBURGH - Eight chicks rescued from a poultry research station. WIMBOURNE, DORSET - Slogans painted on a school which was due to hold courses in shooting and retrieving.

DEC 5TH: ADDISCOMBE, KENT - The home of furrier Edmond Jenner was daubed with paint.

DEC 7TH: RINGWOOD, HANTS - Damage caused to a van and the outside of a house at a battery farm.

DEC 11TH: TYNE & WEAR - Meat transporter damaged.

DEC 12TH: HURN, DORSET - Car paintstripped at poultry farm. SOUTHBOURNE, DORSET - Large delivery van paintstripped and slogans painted at a battery egg and turkey farm.

DEC 14TH: PORTSMOUTH, HANTS - Damage caused to a skylight, a window and part of an alarm system at a meat wholesalers.

DEC 15TH: LIVERPOOL - Fifty-eight rabbits rescued from Speke Hall. Other rabbits had coats sprayed with dye to make them worthless for the fur trade. The farm closed as a result of the raid.

DEC 16TH: LEEDS AREA - Fifty-eight hens rescued from a battery unit.

DEC 20TH: POOLE, DORSET - Ten lorries belonging to Mattessons were damaged by fire. £15,000 damage caused. WAKEFIELD, YORKS - Twelve battery hens rescued from a unit.

DEC 21ST: NORTHAW, HERTS - Slogans painted at the home of dogfighter Richard Hossell. Windows were smashed and a car belonging to Hossell was damaged.

DEC 22ND: WALTON-ON-THE-HILL, SURREY - £8,000 damage caused by fire to portacabin at Bells abattoir.

DEC 23RD: NORTHAW, HERTS - Three vehicles belonging to the Richard Hossell family paintstripped. CANTERBURY, KENT - Six lorries damaged at a slaughterhouse causing £5,000 damage.

DEC 25TH: SCUNTHORPE, HUMBERSIDE - Damage done at a college involved in dissection. STANTON HARCOURT, OXON - Hundreds of partridges kept for shooting were released and empty cages and breeding pens were destroyed at Lynch Hill Farm.

DEC 26TH: THORNTON HEATH, SURREY - Van belonging to butcher and one that had been hired to re-

place it were damaged. BOSCOMBE, DORSET - Two windows broken and slogans painted at a coach company headquarters after the firm took people to Hunt meets.

DEC 28TH: HULL, HUMBERSIDE - Slogans sprayed on a vivisection lab. Slogans were also sprayed and windows smashed at a local abattoir.

DEC 31ST: POOLE, DORSET - Cars paintstripped and other damage caused at the home of a wild animal trapper. AHLEN, W. GERMANY - Six sheepdog pups rescued from the premises of an animal dealer. The dogs were worth about £800.

ALSO IN DEC: BROCKENHURST, HANTS - Considerable damage caused to the biology dept. of Brockenhurst College because of stress experiments performed on small animals. BRISTOL - £9,000 damage done to a lorry at a pig farm in an arson attack. NORTHANTS - Small amount of damage done in arson attack at a drainage company after the firms landrover was seen at a local Hunt. NOTTINGHAM - Over £10,000 damage caused to a butchers shop when activists broke in and smashed eggs, sprayed paint and turps on meat and equipment, walls and worktops. WREXHAM - Several hundred pounds worth of damage done at a dairy farm which rears ducks and other animals for meat. Milking machines and three tractors were damaged in the raid. SWEDEN - Thirty-five dogs rescued from the premises of a dog merchant after being kept in terrible conditions. LONDON - Home of Peter Meers, Deputy Director of Colindale Public Health Lab., sprayed with slogans and splattered with red paint. The headquarters of Revlon, Elizabeth Arden and Estee Lauder cosmetics companies were splashed with red paint. CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE - Windows broken at a vivisection lab. SOUTHAMPTON AREA - Several ill-treated dogs rescued after the RSPCA failed to act. Activists in a couple of instances posed as RSPCA Inspectors. COVENTRY, W. MIDLANDS - Meat vans and vivisection labs. were amongst over 60 animal abuse targets attacked during late December. NORWICH, NORFOLK - Two vans belonging to the Biology dept. of Norwich University paintsripped. STIRLING, SCOTLAND - Gun shop damaged and van paintstripped twice and pet shop and van also damaged. Gun shops also damaged in BOURNEMOUTH, POKESDOWN AND BOSCOMBE (DORSET). Pet shop also damaged in YEOVIL (SOMERSET). Butchers shops attacked in CORK (EIRE), ESSEX, TOULOUSE (FRANCE), ROCHDALE (LANCS), LONDON, GLASGOW, BOURNEMOUTH, POOLE, STONEY STRATFORD/WOLVERTON AND TICHFIELD (HANTS), YEOVIL (SOMERSET), LEIGHTON BUZZARD (BEDS), SURREY, SCUNTHORPE (HUMBERSIDE), STOURBRIDGE (W. MIDLANDS), MARGATE (KENT), EXETER, COVENTRY, NORWICH, BURNLEY, LEEDS, STIRLING (SCOTLAND), DUDLEY, EDINBURGH AND LIVERPOOL. Fur/leather/sheepskin shops damaged in CHESTERFIELD, GLASGOW, BOURNEMOUTH, POKESDOWN AND BOSCOMBE, STONEY STRATFORD/WOLVERTON, WORCESTER, SCUNTHORPE, MARGATE, HULL, DUBLIN, LONDON, COVENTRY, NORWICH, BURNLEY, LEEDS. Boots damaged in HULL, MARGATE, NORWICH. Kentucky Fried Chicken shops damaged in CHESTERFIELD, SCUNTHORPE, BURNLEY, LEEDS. Angling shop attacked in YEOVIL. McDonalds attacked in CHESTERFIELD AND LONDON. Wimp ys in LONDON. Fishmongers in GLASGOW, COVENTRY, BURNLEY, LEEDS, MORLEY. Betting shops in GLASGOW.

JANUARY

EARLY JAN: WINCHESTER, HANTS - Damage done to Webb & Webb poultry slaughterhouse and 2 transporters set on fire. A third was paintstripped. READING, BERKS - Two lorries belonging to the Weddell meat company daubed with white paint. WARWICKS - Slogans daubed on the Magistrates Court following the remanding in custody of two animal rights campaigners. GLASGOW - £3,000 damage caused to a meat shop. MEANWOOD, W. YORKS - A raid on an animal skin factory caused damage to several items of equipment. A lorry and about 700 pelts were also damaged.

JAN 2ND: WINTERINGHAM, HUMBERSIDE - D.Carnaby & Son abattoir had slogans painted on it and 3 vans were damaged.

JAN 3RD: SCUNTHORPE, HUMBERSIDE - Slogans painted on a technical college and John Leggott College where dissection is carried out.

JAN 4TH: STRETFORD, MANCHESTER - Etching fluid and paintstripper were used to damage a car belonging to a Holcombe Hunt supporter.

JAN 5TH: GODSTONE HILL, SURREY - Some mink were released from Freers mink farm and others had their coats sprayed with blue sheep dye to make them worthless for the fur trade. Damage to the farm was also caused. As a result of the raid the farm closed down.

JAN 6TH: KIMPTON, HERTS - £100,000 damage done by fire at the offices of Poultry Aids, which makes equipment for battery farms.

JAN 10TH: DULWICH, S.E. LONDON - Sports car belonging to Institute of Psychiatry vivisector Brian Meldrum damaged when brake fluid was poured over it. BURNLEY, W. YORKS - Slogans painted on buildings and 5 vans damaged at a meat wholesalers. MARGATE, KENT - Meat van paintstripped and tyres slashed.

JAN 11TH: BOSCOMBE, DORSET - Twelve coats glued together in fur dept. of Co-op.

JAN 13TH: LEEDS, YORKS - Dairy van and Rentokil vehicle damaged.

JAN 15TH: MANCHESTER - £20,000 damage caused to Kendalls store which has a fur dept. Several thousands of pounds damage done to 3 articulated lorries and a heavy goods vehicle belonging to a pet and aquatics company.

MID JAN: SURREY - Halal meat van and a meat lorry damaged.

JAN 17TH: NR. CLACTON, ESSEX - Extensive damage caused to tractor and speedboat and outboard engine belonging to the owner of Chatsworth battery farm. Slogans sprayed on the sheds. WINTON, DORSET - Lorry belonging to Violet meat farm had sugar put in its tank.

JAN 19TH: RAMSGATE, KENT - Car belonging to Alan Smith, Director of Charles Rivers lab. animal breeders, was paintstripped. Etching fluid was used on the windscreen and windows.

JAN 21ST: SURREY - A vivisector from Reading University had his car paintsripped while visiting his parents.

JAN 23RD: UXBRIDGE & HILLINGDON AREA, MIDDX - Egg van paintstripped and 2 tyres punctured. GLASGOW AREA - Fur shop windows catapulted and paint squirted inside. WINKLEIGH, DEVON - Damage caused to several vehicles at the Eggesford Hunt.

JAN 24TH: TALBOT, DORSET - The home of Gerald Simons, owner of Simons Furs, was attacked. Paint was thrown over the house, a new Bedford van and Audi car were paintstripped and slogans were daubed.

JAN 25TH: BOSCOMBE, DORSET - The remaining fur coats at the Co-op were glued together.

JAN 27TH: BATTERSEA, S.W. LONDON - Slogans painted on fences and path entrance of Battersea Park Zoo. The sign was paintbombed.

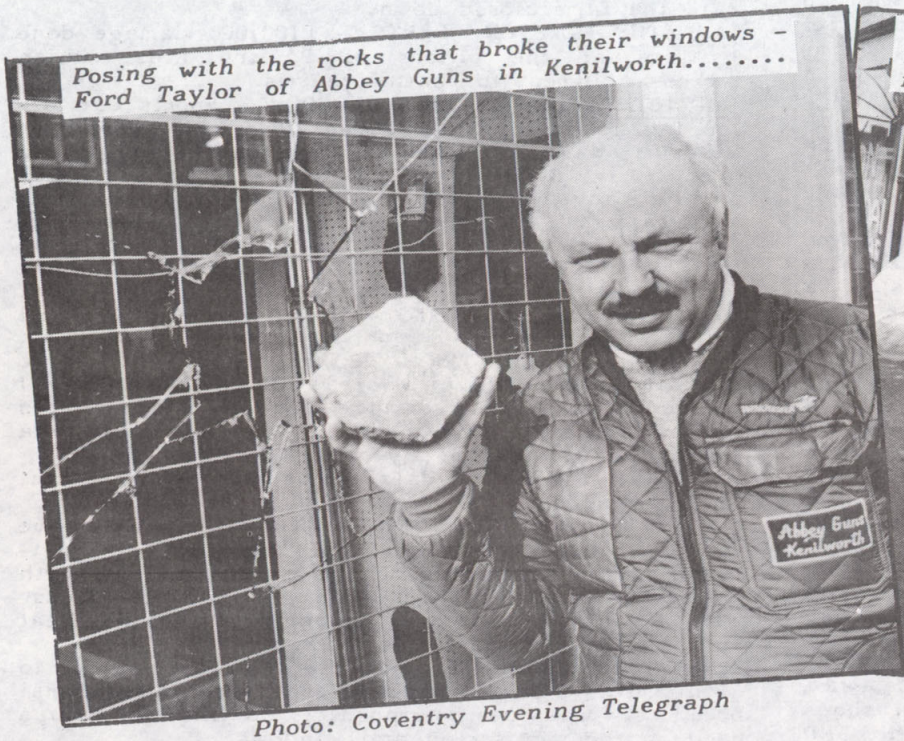
JAN 29TH: TYNE & WEAR - Cement poured into the toilets of Kentucky Fried Chicken shop.

JAN 30TH: WESTBOURNE, DORSET - Furrier Peter Ley had his shop entrance door paintstripped.

LATE JAN: HUMBERSIDE - The Leggott College was raided and 24 rats due to be dissected were rescued. Empty cages were also taken. WIDNES, CHESHIRE - Window broken of shop advertising Gandeys Circus with performing animals. CENTRAL LONDON - Headquarters of Cancer Research Campaign splashed in red paint (2nd attack). Two fur companies in the West End had red paint thrown over their entrances. Shutters of a butchers shop (8 windows had been smashed previously) had red paint thrown over them.

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ALSO IN JAN: WORCS - Eight lorries and 7 cars paintstripped and daubed with slogans at Griffiths Livestock Haulage Company, reknowned for violence to animals and animal rights campaigners. Butchers shops damaged in DOVER (KENT), DIDSBURY (MANCHESTER), SURREY, COLCHESTER, TYNE & WEAR, UXBRIDGE & HILLINGDON (MIDDX), WEMBLEY (MIDDX), WELWYN (HERTS), WIDNES (CHESHIRE), EDINBURGH, WESTBOURNE (DORSET). Fur/leather and sheepskin shops damaged in FOLKESTONE (KENT), SCUNTHORPE (HUMBERSIDE), MANCHESTER, DUBLIN (EIRE), ROSS-ON-WYE (WORCS), COLCHESTER AND MORECAMBE (LANCS). Boots and a betting shop damaged in UXBRIDGE & HILLINGDON (MIDDX). Gun shop damaged in PARKSTONE (DORSET) and fish shop damaged in WESTBOURNE(DORSET).



Posing with the rocks that broke their windows - Ford Taylor of Abbey Guns in Kenilworth.....

Photo: Coventry Evening Telegraph



.....and brothers Zulfikar and Farred Tafajoul, who run the Hal Al butchers in St. Albans

Photo: St. Albans Review

FEBRUARY

EARLY FEB: CAMBERLEY, SURREY - A hamster, two quail and mice were rescued from a school where they were due to be used for dissection. FOREST HILL, S.E. LONDON - Red paint thrown over the door and windows of a company which makes mink coats. BANNOCKBURN, SCOTLAND - Pet shop van paintstripped and windscreen treated with etching fluid.

FEB 2ND: FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE - Horsebox belonging to Holcombe Hunt secretary Ray Longster set alight at his home. Sixteen windows of his house damaged with etching fluid and locks glued. Slogans painted on walls of house.

FEB 5TH: CROYDON, SURREY - Allders dept. store (with fur dept.) had 27 large windows and 6 glass doors damaged with etching fluid. £1,200 damage.

FEB 6TH: HIGH ONGAR, ESSEX - Ninety-one hens rescued from battery unit and £10,000 damage to vehicles.

FEB 11TH: CROYDON, SURREY - Fire started by delayed action incendiary device triggered off Allders water sprinklers causing extensive damage. POOLE PARK, DORSET - Zoo van damaged with paintstripper, Poole Park Cafe and tarmac daubed with slogans and Poole Council offices daubed with red paint as a result of a lack of concern shown by Councillors towards zoo animals. WINTON, DORSET - Van belonging to Violet meat co. paintstripped.

FEB 13TH: BILSTHORPE, NOTTS - Attempted arson attack at newly built broiler unit caused some damage.

FEB 16TH: CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET - Two cars paintstripped belonging to the Adams family who run a battery egg farm. Slogans painted on them and etching fluid used on windscreens. Farm sign also damaged.

FEB 18TH: WIMBOURNE, DORSET - Allendale Centre covered in red paint and slogans because of 'family evening', organised by Shooting Times, being held there. TORONTO, CANADA - About $10,000 damage caused to university. Red paint daubed on doors and windows and some lab. equipment damaged.

FEB 23RD: HANTS - Road sign belonging to Meat Farmers Ltd. paintstripped.

FEB 26TH: HELSINGBORG, SWEDEN - Fifteen dogs bred for vivisection rescued from Sanitary Inspectors premises.

FEB 28TH: HANTS - Mercedes and other cars damaged while owners were at the Hampshire Hunt Ball.

ALSO IN FEB: Butchers shops damaged in LONDON, LIVERPOOL, LEEDS, CROYDON, ST. ALBANS, POOLE, EXMOUTH, WIMBOURNE. Fur/leather/sheepskin shops damaged in LEEDS, PHILADELPHIA (USA) AND BOURNEMOUTH. McDonalds attacked in LEEDS AND POOLE. Wimpys damaged in LEEDS.

MARCH

MARCH 2ND: POOLE, DORSET - Co-op with fur dept. had windows daubed with etching fluid.

MARCH 6TH: DORSET - Seven hens rescued from battery unit. WIMBOURNE, DORSET - Large butchers van paintstripped. KNOCKHOLT, KENT - A hundred and fifteen chicks rescued from broiler unit. LEEDS - Red paint thrown over Boots head office. Tyres slashed on 2 landrovers with BFSS stickers.

MARCH 7TH: GLASGOW - Lab. supplies van windscreen smashed. Fish van windscreen smashed and tyres slashed. BFSS Hunt officials car windows smashed. CORFE MULLEN, DORSET - Donkey and horse (both friends) rescued from appalling conditions, having suffered years of neglect.

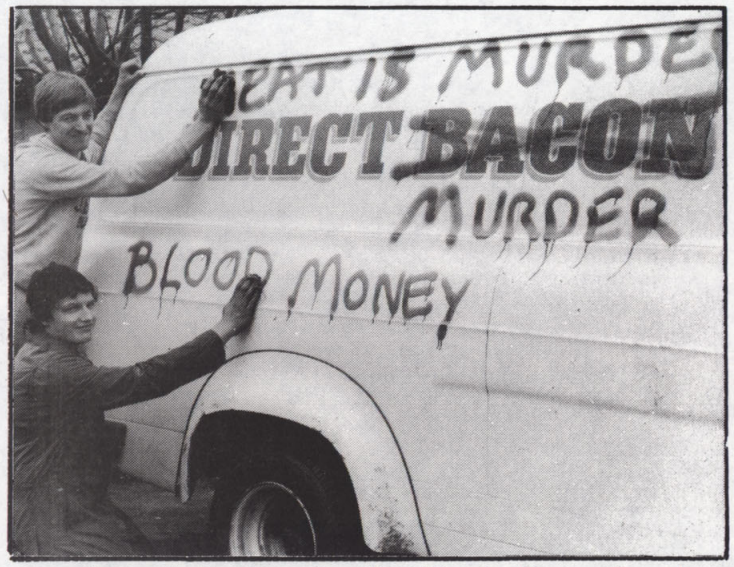
MARCH 9TH: LEEDS - Two thousand skins slashed, 50 sacks of chemicals and ready packed skins and equipment cut to pieces at Fellmongers. Also, slogans daubed and kitchen damaged, sinks blocked and taps left running, meat cleaver destroyed. Rentokil van windscreen smashed.

MARCH 10TH: BRISTOL - Home of furrier Mark Michaels daubed and splashed with red paint. Car paintstripped and locks glued.

MARCH 13TH: LANARKSHIRE - Two hens rescued from battery farm. BRIGHTON - Three refrigerated meat lorries destroyed by fire. Red paint spray-over cars. Estimated £20,000 damage.
MARCH 14TH: CROYDON, SURREY - Butchers van daubed and paintstripped.
MARCH 16TH: PARKSTONE, DORSET - Vans belonging to Peter Treble butchers paintstripped.
MARCH 19TH: GOSFORTH, NEWCASTLE - Paint thrown over the homes of 2 Newcastle University vivisectionists. Slogans painted. MANCHESTER - Three meat lorries had windows smashed and cabs set on fire. Mercedes car also attacked and tyres punctured of other lorries.
MARCH 22ND: CAISTOR, LINCS - Attack on Cherry Valley Farm, where experiments on ducks are carried out. Thousands of pounds worth of damage to equipment, water hoses left running, files taken.
MARCH 23RD: BRISTOL - Attack on home of furrier.
MARCH 24TH: GRIMSBY - Veterinary surgeons office visited. Taps left running, flooding the area with coloured dyes. Documents taken.
MARCH 27TH: LEEDS - Alsatian dog rescued from disgusting conditions. The following night a warning note was posted and slogans sprayed on the house. MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE - £15,000 damage caused in arson attack on abattoir. Two lorries set on fire and tyres of Mercedes car slashed.
MARCH 28TH: DULWICH, LONDON - Home of vivisector Brian Meldrum showered with red paint. LEEDS - Fire attack on Kentucky Fried Chicken 'drive-in' store. Damage caused to door and store room. SUTTON COLDFIELD - Letters sent to shop owners displaying circus posters, saying circus was cancelled, resulted in shops removing posters.
MARCH 30TH: CHELTENHAM - Meat lorry sprayed and paintstripped.
MARCH 31ST: MILTON KEYNES - Paint poured over car belonging to man being cruel to animals. POOLE, DORSET - Mattessons meat lorries sloganed and paintstripped, tyres damaged, etching fluid poured on windscreens.
ALSO IN MARCH: Butchers shops damaged in WESTCLIFF, LEEDS, COLLEYGATE (W. MIDLANDS), BOTLEY (SOUTHAMPTON), DUDLEY, LANARKSHIRE, ENFIELD (MIDDX), COVENTRY, NORTHAMPTON, LONDON, LEAMINGTON SPA, SHEFFIELD, BOURNEMOUTH, BEDMINSTER, BURNLEY-WILLIS, WINTON & MOORDOWN (DORSET). Fur/sheepskin and leather shops attacked in EDINBURGH, CHELTENHAM, WESTON-SUPER-MARE, COVENTRY, LEAMINGTON SPA, STIRLING. Boots attacked in LEEDS, UXBRIDGE AND ISLINGTON (LONDON). McDonalds damaged in LEEDS. Fishmongers in EDINBURGH. Gun shops in BOTLEY (SOUTHAMPTON) AND STIRLING. Six animal abuse shops damaged in GLASGOW. Six shops displaying circus posters smashed in BANBURY (OXFORD). Meat van sprayed and paint sprayed in 2 butchers shops in BEDMINSTER. In FINCHLEY (LONDON) the door of McDonalds headquarters was smashed. Hunting/riding shops damaged in BURNLEY-WILLIS (DORSET) AND BOTLEY (HANTS).

APRIL

APRIL 1ST: BRIGHTON, SUSSEX - Slogans daubed on Dolphinarium.
APRIL 4TH: ASH, SURREY - Locks of furriers house glued.
APRIL 5TH: CHORLEY, LANCS - Seventy-eight hens rescued from battery unit. GUILDFORD, SURREY - Homes of 4 Surrey University vivisectors attacked with paint and glue. Slogans sprayed. The car of one of the vivisectors was paintstripped and tyres slashed.
APRIL 7TH: COVENTRY - Hunt supporters van daubed with slogans.
APRIL 8TH: PIRBRIGHT, SURREY - Twelve hens rescued from battery farm. 400 dozen eggs smashed. £6,000 damage to machinery. Within a fortnight later activists returned and caused more damage. As a result of these raids the battery closed down. BOSCOMBE, DORSET - ICI trailer burnt.
APRIL 12TH: LEICESTER - Anti Unilever slogans daubed around town centre.
APRIL 13TH: POOLE, DORSET - Several ferrets destined for vivisection at University College London were rescued from breeder. Alarms and fridges at the premises were turned off.
APRIL 14TH: COOMBE BISSETT, DORSET - Large Portman Hunt sign sawn down.
APRIL 16TH: PALMA DE MALLORCA, SPAIN - Booking offices of bullfighting arena damaged by fire. Locks blocked with silicon. Slogans painted.



Vans belonging to the Direct Bacon Co. in West Yorks, were damaged on May 2nd. Photo: Spenborough Guardian

APRIL 17TH: HILLINGDON, MIDDX - Twenty Co-op and Unigate milk floats daubed. BRIGHTON - Dolphinarium daubed.
APRIL 18TH: COLCHESTER, ESSEX - Extensive damage caused to 3 lorries at pig farm. Oil was poured over the yard and slogans sprayed on buildings. EWELL, SURREY - Over 300 animals rescued from the North East Surrey College of Technology. Thousands of pounds damage caused. Documents taken detailing maternal deprivation and genetic experiments.
APRIL 22ND: CHORLEY, LANCS - Activists returned to the unit where 78 hens were rescued earlier in the month and rescued another 32 hens.
APRIL 24TH: UXBRIDGE & HILLINGDON AREA, MIDDX - Windscreen of egg van smashed. HARPENDEN, HERTS - Six lorries belonging to H.G. Ivory were attacked, resulting in extensive damage. The company transports animals to abattoirs.
APRIL 25TH: SURREY - The home of Lilly Research vivisector daubed.
APRIL 26TH: BRIGHTON - Home of E.V. Lonsdale (major Shamrock Farms shareholder) drenched with red paint. BOURNEMOUTH - Boots head office covered with red paint, windows smashed, slogans daubed.
APRIL 28TH: BRISTOL - £4,000 damage done to 4 vans at chicken battery farm. NORWICH - Coypu Control van paintstripped and daubed, windows smashed, tyres slashed, locks glued.
ALSO IN APRIL: Butchers attacked in LEAMINGTON SPA, TWICKENHAM (MIDDX), GLASGOW, COVENTRY, CROYDON, LONDON, WEMBLEY, UXBRIDGE, LEICESTER, SCUNTHORPE, HILLINGDON, LUTON, POOLE, BRISTOL, WELLINGTON (NEW ZEALAND), EDINBURGH. Fur/sheepskin and leather shops damaged in CAMBERLEY (SURREY), NOTTING-

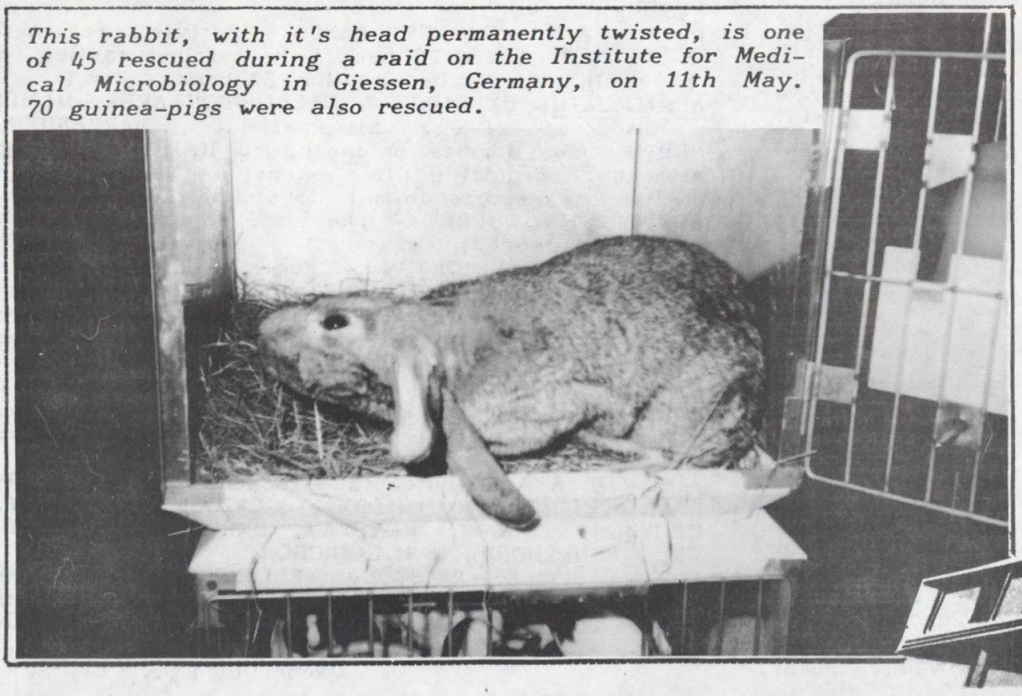
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MAY

MAY 1ST: NORTHAW, HERTS - Home of convicted dog fighter, Richard Hossell, daubed with slogans and windows smashed.
MAY 2ND: HECKMONDWIKE, W. YORKS - Slogans sprayed and tyres slashed on 2 Direct Bacon Co. vans.
MAY 5TH: CROYDON, SURREY - Incendiary devices placed under Allders dept. store vans. Four vans totally destroyed, two damaged. Estimated £60,000 damage. Following this sustained campaign, Allders have now withdrawn their fur dept.
MAY 6th: MALVERN, WORCS - Large slogans painted on road outside Perrycroft Lodge where dogs are bred for vivisection.
MAY 7TH: SHROPSHIRE - 'Chunky Chicken' van damaged.
MAY 8TH: LEIGH-ON-SEA, ESSEX - Van paintstripped and other damage done at premises of frozen meat distributor.
MAY 9TH: EDGBASTON, W. MIDLANDS - 3 oriental otters rescued from the Nature Centre where they had been kept in poor conditions. Slogans sprayed on the outbuildings. WEST SUSSEX - Home of G. Tribe (former vet and Director of Shamrock Farms, now importing dogs for vivisection) attacked. Car paintstripped and red paint thrown over the house.
MAY 10TH: DARTFORD, KENT - Rabbit rescued from terrible conditions in a back garden.
MAY 11TH: LEAMINGTON SPA, W.MIDLANDS - Dairy van paintstripped and tyres slashed. UPGATE, NORFOLK - Nineteen chickens rescued from broiler sheds. Slogans sprayed (3rd attack). GIESSEN, W. GERMANY - Forty-five rabbits and 70 guinea pigs rescued from university vivisection lab.
MAY 12TH: HOWSHAM, HUMBERSIDE - Van belonging to 'Cotswold Pigs' sprayed with slogans and windows smashed.
MAY 14TH: CAISTOR, LINCS - Cherry Valley Farm lorries sprayed with slogans, windows smashed, sugar put in tanks and a sign was wrecked.
MAY 15TH: EDGEWARE & MILL HILL AREA - Travel shop displaying circus posters damaged.
MAY 17TH: GLASGOW - House belonging to tannery owners daubed with paint and slogans, car paintstripped, glass etching fluid poured on windows. Slogans painted on signs and barriers leading to tannery.
MAY 18TH: AMBLESIDE, CUMBRIA - Nearly 2,000 Trout, Salmon and Char taken from the Freshwater Biological Association, where they were being subjected to stress experiments. The fish were released in nearby Lake Windermere.
MAY 22ND: RISEHOLME, NR. LINCOLN - Goat rescued from College of Agriculture. WELWYN GARDEN CITY - Stadium due to have circus with performing animals was treated with red paint. Two shops advertising the circus had windows broken.
MAY 25TH: READING, BERKS - £1,000 damage done to lorries belonging to Wisale Meat Co.
MAY 27TH: STUBBINGTON, HANTS - Signs covered with paint at Basil Baird Ltd (intensive pig farm). HULL - Vehicles covered with paintstripper and tyres damaged at Jacksons slaughterhouse. Fridges damaged.
MAY 31ST: BOSCOMBE, DORSET - Slogans sprayed on ICI trailer. NR. SOLIHULL, W. MIDLANDS - A pullet unit damaged. All eggs, water pipes and toilets smashed. Vaccines destroyed.
ALSO IN MAY: Butchers attacked in NORFOLK, E. LONDON, CHELTENHAM, ROCHDALE, COVENTRY, LUTON, LEAMINGTON SPA, SWINDON, BOSCOMBE AND SOUTHBOURNE AND WEST PARLEY (DORSET), HUMBERSIDE, SPENBOROUGH, SCUNTHORPE, CHORLEY, LEEDS, WAKEFIELD, STOTFOLD (STEVENAGE). Fur/leather and sheepskin shops damaged in LEAMINGTON SPA, ROMFORD (ESSEX), CHELTENHAM, HUMBERSIDE, NORWICH, CLIFTON (BRISTOL). McDonalds and Boots damaged in CHELTENHAM, takeaway restaurant attacked in E. LONDON. Gun shop in COVENTRY, hunting shop in NORFOLK and shops selling fish in SCUNTHORPE AND WAKEFIELD.

This rabbit, with it's head permanently twisted, is one of 45 rescued during a raid on the Institute for Medical Microbiology in Giessen, Germany, on 11th May. 70 guinea-pigs were also rescued.





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